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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

Is He *Your* M.P.?

Eight members of Parliament have "backed" the Bill to stop all newspaper competitions. If one of them happens to be *yours*, just keep his memory jogged, and let him know that if he doesn't do everything in his power to defeat the Bill, *you* will do all you can to defeat *him*. Here are their names: Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Perkins, Sir George Toulmin, Sir David Brynmor Jones, Mr. Sherwell, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Philip Snowden, and, of course, Mr. Hogge. Now then, readers, up and at 'em!

Ipswich.

So our dear young friend Masterman has left his beloved Bethnal Green, after all, and gone to Ipswich! As we observed in a previous issue, we are rather sorry for this seatless Minister—albeit that his duties as maid of all work to the Government (or, in other words, as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster) do not appear imperatively to demand his presence in the House. If, however, he *must* be there, we much prefer that it should be as member for Ipswich, rather than for a division adjoining South Hackney. After all, every constituency gets the member it deserves, and if Ipswich likes Masterman and Masterman likes Ipswich, then our blessing on them both.

Those Treasury Counsel.

The last time we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Travers Humphreys was in his capacity as Counsel for the Treasury in the prosecution of ourselves and the Publisher of this journal for the terrible offence of "publishing a proposal or scheme for the sale of chances in a lottery—to wit, the John Bull Derby Sweepstake." Now we find him acting as Counsel for our respected contemporary, the *London Mail*, defending them against a precisely similar charge, except that their crime was, "to wit, the Derby Sweepstake of the Universal Turf Society"! And we read with interest his argument that "members of most clubs, and, indeed, the majority of people who meet together at this time of the year—excepting those, of course, who sit upon the Bench, Magistrates' Clerks, members of the Bar, and police officers—are generally engaged in putting money in a sweepstake." Why didn't he say this at Bow Street?

"Bullets" and Education.

From one of our "Bullet" Competitors:—"I must say that since I started to attempt 'Bullet' making my vocabulary has grown considerably; in fact, from a literary point of view, it has been a blessing to me."

Starchfield.

As we go to press, we learn that the Home Secretary has informed Starchfield's solicitor that "he regrets there is no fund out of which he can make a grant" to the unfortunate newsvendor. Not for the first time, we shall have to step into the breach.

An Awkward Meeting.

It was an awkward and trying moment the other day when, by the accident of the game, Colonel Seely suddenly came up against Mr. Lloyd George on the Walton Heath Golf Links. The statesmen formally acknowledged each other by raising their caps; but it is said that for a moment each had a good look at the "driver" in his hand! Still, as Mr. Asquith says, Colonel Seely "has not lost the confidence of the Cabinet"! *What* a game it is!

"John Bull," July 29th, 1911.

"The Home Rule Bill will be introduced next year, and rejected by the Lords. It will go up to them again in 1913, and will be again sent back. Then, in 1914, up it will go for the third time, and down it will come again. *And the Government will come down with it.* We say nothing of the merits of the measure. What we do say is that no Bill can survive three years of suspended animation, with half the country prodding away at its vitals all the time. The Parliament Bill is a Bill to prevent the Will of the People, as expressed by the Commons, becoming law." Not a bad guess.

Sunday Beer.

An analysis of the division list on the Sunday Closing Bill shows that only 88 Liberal and 10 Labour members for English constituencies voted for it, 169 Conservative, 2 Liberal and 4 Labour members for English constituencies voted against it. On the other hand, 14 Liberal and 2 Labour members for Wales, 31 Liberals from Scotland and 34 Irish Nationalists voted for imposing this Sabbatarian tyranny upon England—the Bill, of course, does not in any way affect their own countries. In other words, only 98 English members voted for the Bill, and 175 voted against it. That is called the "will of the people."

The Crisis.

Now that the country has recovered from the shock of the scratching of The Tetrarch for the Derby, people are wondering what is going on behind the scenes in the political world. Next week we may tell them.

Now for the Derby! £300 for placing the first three. See page 36.

Dread Disclosures.

From disclosures at the inquest upon the victim of the Three Bridges train murder, it seems that a guard who receives a signal of distress by the communication cord is faced with a dread alternative. He must either delay his response to the signal, a course which may prove fatal, or run the risk of the train being smashed into from behind. Nervous passengers who have fondly imagined that a tug at the cord would bring instant assistance will scarcely be reassured by the knowledge that the guard must first take steps to secure the safety of the standing train. Nor will they be much cheered by the statement, elicited from the guard by a juror, that if his alarm bell rang in a tunnel he would never dream of slackening speed till the train was well out of it. It may be remembered that at the Aisgill inquiry the Board of Trade Inspector urged the provision of powerful "flares," whereby upon the sudden stoppage of a train instant warning might be given to drivers following in its wake. For night use some such device may prove efficacious, and it should at least be experimentally tested. The problem of daylight emergencies remains, and here there is scope for inventive ingenuity. Where there's a will there's a way. It's "up" to the companies.

Not in These!

Many distinguished preachers began their careers as "amateurs," and lay lawyers have occasionally earned high encomiums from the judicial Bench, but the efforts of the unregistered healer have been mistrusted by the public and sternly discouraged by the law. There is reason in such discrimination. We are not apt to be unduly nervous about our souls, nor are we averse to an occasional gamble upon our fortunes, but we are taking no risks with our lungs or livers. Christian Science, faith-healing, and similar modes of "suggestive" therapeutics have made but a scant appeal to the average man; nor is he likely to be much impressed by the fact that a Committee of parsons and medicos have at length bestowed qualified approval upon such nostrums. Their findings, after all, amount to little more than a mild suggestion that "health, bodily and mental, is capable of being influenced for good by spiritual means." Thus encouraged, the Christian Scientists of Brighton have promptly applied to be put on the panel, but the local Insurance Committee are "not having any." We are a sceptical people and prefer to mingle physic with our prayers.

Just Think.

The Government of the Punjab, whose acts are sanctioned by the Secretary of State for India, seem to be badly in want of cement, but instead of inviting tenders for the supply of the commodity, they have concluded a private treaty with the Kashmir Iron Mines and Power Syndicate, of London. These merchants apparently have no cement of their own, but they have none the less undertaken to supply all the needs of the Punjab Government for a period of ten years. During this time, they will enjoy an absolute monopoly, and so profitable is the business expected to be that they are already promoting a separate company for the exploitation of the scheme. Capital has been tempted by lavish promises of gain, and a lively response has already resulted. Very nice, too, but what of "the glorious Free Trade traditions" of the Empire?

That Ass, the Law.

We observe that eminent counsel has been arguing at great length—and at corresponding expense—whether a wall is a "building" or a "structure." At the time of writing, judgment has been reserved! Oh, for a Business Law Court!

A Plea for Publicity.

Having persuaded himself to re-open the case of Oscar Slater, the Secretary for Scotland should have had the courage to order a full public inquiry into the circumstances of his conviction. The hole-and-corner investigation conducted by the Sheriff of Lanarkshire has satisfied nobody, and as far as the public are concerned it has left matters exactly where they were before. We cannot believe that such methods are any more popular with our Northern neighbours than they are on this side of the Tweed. The plain man fails to see the necessity for secret procedure unless there is something to hide, and it is lamentable that the guilt or innocence of an alleged murderer should be thus involved in doubt and suspicion. From the confusion which darkens the case two facts emerge with certainty, and they are of vital importance. At the first trial the evidence of identification tendered was weak to the point of collapse. To-day new evidence is forthcoming which has not yet seen the light. In these circumstances Slater is clearly entitled to a new trial before an authoritative tribunal. Only so can justice be satisfied.

Timothy's Taradiddles.

For "terminological inexactitudes" of the ripest flavour commend us to your thorough-paced "temperance" reformer. Moving the second reading of his precious Sunday Closing Bill, Mr. Timothy Davies, M.P., had the effrontery to declare that "the demand for such a measure was general and came from all political quarters." Where can the dear babe have been picking up his "facts"? Why, bless his innocent heart, there isn't a ghost of a "demand" for anything half so silly in any corner of the country, except perhaps in a few dissenting chapels. If there were a referendum on the subject to-morrow the weeping Willies of the water-wagon would be beaten out of their socks, and nobody knows this better than the Radical wirepullers, who won't say one tiny word about the matter when a General Election comes. As we show elsewhere, less than 200 out of the 670 members of the House of Commons could be whipped up to give the measure their academic support, even though they were dead certain it wouldn't and couldn't pass into law. A "general demand" indeed! Fie, Tim. For shame!

Clerical Incomes.

We raise our hat to the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Norwich, who recently had something to say about the existing system of housing the clergy in large residences on stipends inadequate for their upkeep. He said: "For my part I believe that a clergyman should be a comparatively poor man. He has got to preach the Gospel to the poor as well as to the rich, and I think it is ridiculous that he should have to live in such a big residence. I have no complaint that the incomes of the clergy are not large, but I think it is absurd that the Church is handicapped to-day as in the past by having to maintain extensive and costly vicarages." Spoken in the true spirit of Him who had not where to lay His head.

A Daniel to Judgment.

The longer we live the less we are surprised at anything. We are not even surprised at the *Church Times* when that entertaining ecclesiastical treatise remarks, as it does in its issue of May 1st, "This generation may live to see a day when a partizan Prime Minister will seem as intolerable as a partizan Speaker. . . . We can at least recognise movements which presage the passing away of Party Government. It will pass unwept." It affords us pleasure to congratulate our contemporary on its eyesight.

Result of Our "Jubilee Handicap" contest. See page 28.

The Business Way.

Of the Chancellor's proposed grants in aid of municipal administration we note that £45,900 is for the purposes of the Mental Deficiency Act, while a trifle of £22,000 is ear-marked for expenditure in relation to the Shops Act and kindred enactments. The maintenance of Reformatory Schools is expected to absorb a further dole of £22,000. The working of the first-named measure is likely to prove as vexatious as it will certainly be costly, the Shops Act is already the object of universal criticism, while of the administration of Reformatory Establishments, the least said the better for the credit of all concerned. A Business assembly would regard the "appropriation" stage of the Government's proposals as an ideal opportunity for the institution of necessary reforms, but in the present condition of affairs nobody expects that time will be found for anything so tedious. There will just be a crack of the Party whip, and the money will be voted "like wine." With a Business Government in power, the good old principle of "no taxation without redress of grievances" will acquire renewed force.

Piety and Impudence.

As an example of audacious and humbugging piety commend us to one John Chatterton, of Mount-road, Madras, who sends us a circular headed "An Urgent Appeal." Starting with texts from the Psalms and the Proverbs, John explains that he is in urgent need of funds to start him in business as Johnson and Co., that if he gets 'em J. and Co. will as far as possible employ Christians only, that they will open and close the premises with prayer, and that they will donate 10 per cent. of the profit to religious societies. "Messrs. Johnson and Co. beg all ladies and gents to be kind and gracious enough to open their liberal hands," and "praying for kind and earliest donations direct to the banks," John promises to send a receipt and begs to remain "Ever trustworthily and gratefully yours in His name." If, therefore, there is any pietistic ass in this country who would like to spread the light on India's coral strand, John is at the receipt of custom. "Blessed," quoth he, "is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."

Getting Ready.

Now that the Parliament Act is about to be brought into operation, the Government are said to be turning their attention to its neglected preamble. We are authoritatively assured that "it is the intention of the Government to introduce this session proposals for the reconstruction of the House of Lords." Their precedure, of course, will be by way of resolution, and the whole thing will resolve itself into a "window dressing" scheme, calculated to catch votes at the coming elections. Then, in the next and last Session of this present Parliament, the Chancellor, having this year "egged" the Income Tax Goose "dry," will find himself in possession of a nice little surplus to be expended in the remission of indirect taxation, by no means a bad prelude to an appeal to the nation. *What* a game it is!

A Sweepstake Mem.

In the reign of Henry VIII. sweepstakes were so highly regarded that the English man-of-war which brought Anne of Cleves—his fourth wife—over to England was named *The Sweepstake*. But in this particular "lottery" Henry drew a blank—receiving such a shock when he cast his eye upon the lady (having been deceived by Holbein's portrait, which the wily Cromwell had instructed the great painter to make "agreeable") that he was very quickly divorced from her.

White Slavery.

The adult shop-assistant must have his weekly half-holiday and the miner his legal quota of leisure, but apparently there is nothing in our law to forbid the daylong labour of a boy of twelve. Young Harry Hewston, of Birmingham, began his day at 7.30 a.m., when he went to the Post Office to get his grandmother's Old Age Pension. Next, he fetched a hundred-weight of coal, bearing the burden on his own frail shoulders to his parents' home. Then to school, from nine to twelve, when he was humanely permitted to play "till dinner was ready." To school again at two o'clock, and home at twenty minutes to five. After tea, he hanged himself, narrowly escaping death. Had he not done so, he would have toiled in a barber's shop from six o'clock till nine, as was his daily wont. On Saturdays he had regularly worked in the shop from half-past eight in the morning till a similar hour at night. In placing the boy on probation, the Birmingham Bench expressed their fear that unceasing drudgery had preyed upon his mind. We are averse to the multiplying of penal statutes, but by common consent the protection of the helpless is one of the primary tasks of civilised government. Where there is no adequate sense of parental responsibility, the aid of law must be invoked.

Love Lies Bleeding.

Ardent swains who pretend to regret the days when blood was split for the honour of fair ladies may be interested to learn that in the State of Wisconsin, U.S.A., prospective bridegrooms must still bleed their way to bliss. A man who would lawfully wed a maid must first furnish the State medical authorities with a sample of his blood. We presume he may either slit himself privately with a pen-knife or attend at some place appointed and be officially bled by the attendant surgeons. The ruddy sample is then analysed, and, if it is found free from morbid taint, a licence is at once issued; but should the examination reveal as much as the hind leg of a single microbe, the luckless lover is sternly "told off." This pretty performance is perpetuated in the sacred cause of "eugenics," which has taken deep root on Yankee soil. It is a nasty, messy sort of business, and we are heartily glad that nothing of the kind obtains in this country. You never know your luck, however, and we have already had one or two pretty flagrant samples of freak legislation. Eugenists—like other cranks—want watching.

A Curate of Sheffield.

When the Rev. John Raper, late Curate of St. Peter's Abbeydale, Sheffield, was inquired for in an action for seduction, at Leeds, it was explained that the holy man had gone abroad. While officiating at the church he made love to a girl of 16, home from boarding school, a month later betrayed her, and then made reflections on her character, in the desperate endeavour to save his vile skin. The jury at the Sheriff's Court awarded the girl, through her father, £400 damages, but it may be questioned whether she will ever get them from such a blackguardly hypocrite as the appropriately named Rev. John Raper.

Pullmans for Canny Scots.

The enterprising Pullman Car Co., which has done so much to render a Continental journey comfortable—at any rate on this side of the Channel—is breaking out in a new place. In a week or two's time, it is inaugurating a new service of its palatial cars on the Caledonian Railway between Glasgow and Aberdeen on the East, and Glasgow and Oban on the west—the latter route, one of the most beautiful in Scotland, being served by one of the specially built observation cars—which have become so popular in America. We tremble to think of the number of saxpences which will now "go bang."

Important! The Pen Coupon THIS WEEK is ON PAGE ii. OF COVER.

Try It.

The militant suffragist is the object of as much vicarious solicitude as the proverbial drunken wife. Never before in the history of his office has the Home Secretary been favoured with so large and varied an assortment of gratuitous advice. On the one hand he is urged to harden his heart and to apply the provisions of the criminal law without mercy or compunction. Curiously enough this stern counsel proceeds mainly from opponents of Women's Suffrage, forgetful of the fact that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." Devotees of the Cause and the sentimental of all shades of opinion vie with each other in denunciations of Mr. McKenna as a monster of cruelty and guile. It is all very noisy and bewildering. But at the risk of confounding confusion we venture to restate our own contention. People who smash windows, burn mansions, and damage art treasures, no matter what their motives, should be made to pay for their indulgences to the last chip of their substance. Short of stripping their underclothing from their back, no item of their possessions should be immune from legal forfeiture. The expedients of the law, upon its criminal side, have proved inadequate to the occasion, but we are by no means certain that its civil resources have been adequately tested.

The Iron Hand.

Britishers who are disposed to lament the passivity of the Imperial Government in the face of foreign provocation may find consolation in a recent diplomatic incident. Two years ago a British subject in the West Indian island of Hayti had his sawmill burned down in the course of a revolution. Having failed in his efforts to obtain redress from the negro authorities, he finally appealed to Britain's protecting aid. His supplication was not vain. An ultimatum was hurled at the heads of the Haytian Ministry and an armoured cruiser despatched to Port au Prince to compel obedience to its demands. Thus threatened, the recalcitrant niggers climbed down with all convenient speed, and the warship sped on its victorious way. Quite right, too, but we wonder if things would have been managed quite so nicely if it had been Germany or America, or even Mexico. Perhaps it is just as well that it was little Hayti, after all.

Hands Across the Sea.

Dozens of times we have been told by infuriated Canucks that we are falsifiers of the gospel when we assert that "No English need apply" frequently appears outside Canadian works and in Canadian newspapers. Before us now is the *Spectator*, of Hamilton, a town of 100,000 population. This appears among its advertisements in the issue of 26th April last: "Wanted, Four Bright, Intelligent men of neat appearance; positively no English need apply.—Box 311, *Spectator*." Nothing could be more characteristic of the sort of "welcome hand" the Canadian employer stretches out to the British emigrant. He prefers the Chinaman or the Jap, who is more docile and comes more cheaply into the bill.

An Inquiring Mind.

A Kensington gentleman of inquiring mind, apparently stocked with the latest information, informs us that "parliamentary government all over the world is actually carried on by the Party system." He then adds that if we can tell him in these circumstances how parliamentary government is to be carried on without it, his opinion of us will be raised to an even giddier height than at present. "Do not shirk the point, I pray you," he finally warns us, "do not adopt the hoary editorial attitude when posed." For answer see the forthcoming "Business Government Handbook."

A Just Demand.

A Hackney newsvendor recently complained at the Shoreditch County Court that the ceiling of his shop had been so badly shaken by motor-'buses that a gas bracket had fallen and part of his stock had been set on fire. There was no dispute as to the facts, and the only question was that of the liability of the 'bus company. The learned judge held that there had been no negligence on the part of the drivers and that the company could not be held legally responsible for the effects of vibration caused by the transit of their vehicles. In these circumstances he declined to award damages, and entered judgment for the defendants. Similarly, when loose stones scattered by the wheels of motor-'buses have gone through shop windows, the aggrieved parties have failed to obtain redress. We are bound to sympathise with tradesmen and others who in this way have suffered damage, which, in some instances, they could ill afford to repair. Such cases give point to the contention that the privileges and immunities of the companies are at present too cheaply purchased. The utility and convenience of the 'buses is widely appreciated, but there is a growing feeling that their proprietors should be called upon for a substantial contribution towards municipal rates.

Two Brutes and a Horse.

Ten shillings, apparently without costs, is a fine considerably less than would have satisfied our notions of adequacy in the case of the two horsedealers, Bert Jackson, of Hykeham, and Bert Dawson, of Orchard Street, Lincoln. These brutes were seen by several witnesses ferociously beating and kicking a mare in their charge. "Mr. J. Shillaker related how Jackson whipped the mare smartly and violently about the ears, and Dawson kicked it half a dozen times on the leg, and four times on the body." Apparently the only excuse the brutes had to offer to the Lincoln Magistrates, Messrs. J. S. Battle and Alderman H. A. Cottingham, was that they had bought the animal at the fair and that "she would go neither one way nor the other." They paid their paltry fine and went their way, probably to chuckle and take it out of the mare again when nobody was looking. When will Magistrates begin to deal with such creatures as they deserve?

A Monmouth Relic.

One of the relics of ancient Monmouth is a water cart which has been "repaired and repaired until there is nothing to repair." Recently it collapsed, according to the prophet, who in this instance was the Town Council Surveyor, half killing a man in charge of it. "You will kill somebody some day," exclaimed a member at the last Council meeting, "and that will cost you a bit more than a new cart." "What does it matter?" retorted an aldermanic person named Tippins. "We are insured." The Council therefore decided to refer the matter to the Water-cart Committee and report to the next meeting, so that if in the interval the concern bursts and drowns the alderman while he is passing it won't matter, as the Council are insured. The surviving members will doubtless signify their willingness to attend the funeral in their robes of office.

More Hidden Treasure?

Whilst Mr. Lloyd George is busy killing his Income Tax goose, Fate has ordained that he should have further reminders of the untapped store of wealth lying dormant in the bank vaults, to which it was our wont, at this time of the year, to call his attention. Amongst the latest revelations have been the forgotten fortune of a Worcestershire vicar, and a case containing 35,000 ounces of old silver belonging to the heirs of Harriet Mellon, the famous actress of the early part of the 19th century. Oh, for a Business Chancellor!

Last Chance to Win Our £300 Derby Prize. Closes May 26. See page 36.

The Church and the Nurse.

Perhaps the Rector of Emsworth will enlighten us concerning the dismissal, or resignation amounting to dismissal, of Nurse Francis, who by all accounts is deservedly beloved in the town. She has been employed as a church nurse, and the reason given for founding a local Nurses' Association is that the Rector has compelled the lady's resignation because she visited her sick on Sundays instead of attending church. This is confirmed by her own statement. If the true cause is stated—and at the time of writing the Rector had not denied it—it is but another example of the autocratic bigotry and unchristian injustice with which so many parsons dominate their parishes. The *Hants County Times*, which presumably speaks with knowledge and without bias in this affair, states that the nurse has "so endeared herself to all with whom she has come in contact that her services could not be dispensed with." The new Association, formed at a public meeting, is a tribute to her devoted service and a striking rebuke to the Rector. We trust it will receive such support in Emsworth as will place it beyond the hurt of any denominational intolerance whatever.

Find the Culprit.

Police scandals appear just now to be the order of the day. At the Edinburgh City Police Court, Constable Charles Suttie was recently charged with assaulting three inoffensive young men. The case was a somewhat difficult one, and in view of the conflicting nature of the evidence the magistrate, Bailie Richardson, took time to consider his decision. In the result, Suttie was acquitted, the charge in Scottish fashion being held "not proven." The constable is, of course, entitled to the full benefit of his acquittal, but we cannot ignore the observations with which Bailie Richardson thought fit to accompany his judgment. "There is," he said, "no doubt that a brutal and unprovoked assault was committed by a constable upon the lad Shanks, and an assault of a less serious nature upon the other two men." Suttie, as we have said, is entitled to the benefit of the finding, but this alarming statement should spur the authorities to timely action for the detection of the actual culprit. They must spare no effort to fix responsibility for an outrage which, so long as it remains unpunished, involves the whole constabulary in severe discredit.

Parish News.

When the May number of the *Lilleshall Parish Magazine* came into the hands of the population, they scratched their head and wondered. "My wife and I," stated the Vicar, "express our deep gratitude for the many kind inquiries. . . I am glad to say that both Mrs. Alington and the daughter are doing capitally. We are not at all sure what attitude Smee will take up to the new arrival, as he will have to play second fiddle now." The aforesaid population, or at any rate most of it, knew that Mrs. Alington was the Vicar's wife, but who, it pondered, was Smee? It now turns out that Smee is the rev. gentleman's dog, and the suggestion is being made that the faithful beast, playing the second fiddle, should be exhibited in the next church bazaar.

Wait and See.

After informing an Aberdare Primrose meeting that "owing to the strict control of the Party whips, a member's conscience was no longer the determining factor it used to be," Mr. Fox Davies, prospective Unionist candidate for Merthyr Boroughs, told his audience that he believed one item of the Unionist Party would be to abolish the £8 a week for M.P.s. *Entre nous*, we should say that a Unionist candidate who believes this sort of thing will believe anything.

Death Traps.

The recent train murders will undoubtedly lead to a renewed agitation for the compulsory provision of corridor coaches. Here, as in other matters of railroad management, a too tender consideration for the financial convenience of the Companies has militated against the supreme interests of public safety. At Three Bridges, and again at Chester, the tug of the communication cord came too late to thwart the purpose of the assassin, and it is noteworthy that in the former instance the signal was given by a man in the next compartment, who, had he been free to do so, would doubtless have rushed to the scene of the affray. In these two cases, and in that of Willie Starchfield, it is more than probable that free access to the compartments would have averted the tragedy.

Business and Party.

Certainly the declaration of Mr. Wilfred Hill, the Liberal candidate for East Worcestershire, to a Stechford meeting that he "was out to fight the constituency as Business candidate, for the more he saw of politics and political life the more he was forced to the conclusion that there was not a sufficient number of Business men at Westminster," is very good as far as it goes. But doesn't it strike Mr. Hill that it would be very much better if he boldly came out of the Party rut and fought the election as a Business man, on common sense, but independent, lines?

RHYMES OF THE TIMES.

MIDGERY.

How does the wicked little midge
Just now exert his power,
And keep us on the constant fidge
For hour after hour?
Whence comes his horrid virulence,
For which there is no match?
He scorns our vigorous defence
And keeps us up to scratch!

He seeks the ankles of the fair—
In which he shows good taste—
And has been known, I do declare,
Somehow to reach the waist!
The modern frocks access afford
And pastures sweet provide—
I cannot blame the midge, my word!
For trespassing inside.

But when he nips me on the nose,
When on the lawn I sit
Enjoying a post-prandial doze,
I see no fun in it—
For spots upon the nose are thought
By some unkindly souls
To show one's drank more than one ought
From deep, convivial bowls.

THE WEEK'S "BISCUIT."

["*Taking the Biscuit*" *has become a classic phrase, expressive of a satirical compliment. Below we present, each week, and in all good humour, the* "*Biscuit*" *to the individual or periodical named, in respect of the achievement or utterance indicated.*]

For stating, in moving the second reading of the Sunday Closing Bill, that "there was a general demand on the part of the people, and of all political parties," for the measure,

Mr. TIMOTHY DAVIES, M.P.,

Takes the Biscuit.

5,073 Prizes to be Won, Value £1,775 Every Week. See "Bullets" page 34.

BEWARE OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR!

WHERE WERE YOU ON SUNDAY?—ARE YOU A JESUIT?—DO YOU SWEAR?

We have recently been declared, by virtue of Sec. 41 of the Lotteries Act, 1823, to be a "rogue and vagabond," in consequence of an article in our columns, entitled "The Truth about Sweepstakes," amounting, in the opinion of Mr. Hopkins, one of the Bow Street Magistrates, to the publication of "a proposal or scheme for the sale of chances in a lottery not authorised by Act of Parliament"—to wit, the John Bull Derby Sweepstake. We now propose to deal with the possibility that many a respectable citizen may, all unconsciously, have been regularly infringing the laws of his country, and rendering himself liable to grave pains and penalties.

Were You at Church on Sunday?

All persons—except those dissenting from the worship or the doctrines of the Church of England, and usually attending some place of worship not belonging to the Church of England—are, if they have no lawful or reasonable excuse for absence, bound to attend their parish church or accustomed chapel, or, if reasonably prevented from so doing, some other place where the Divine service of the Church of England is performed, on all Sundays and other days ordained and used to be kept as holy days, and to abide there orderly and soberly during the time of Common Prayer, preaching, or other divine service. Every parishioner is bound to "communicate" at least three times in the year, of which Easter is to be one; and annually at Easter every parishioner is to "reckon with the incumbent or his deputy and pay him all ecclesiastical dues accustomed to be then paid." By the Common Law, parishioners are bound to repair the "body of their parish church" whenever necessary, and to "provide all things essential to the performance of divine service therein"; although since 1868 they have not been compelled to pay Church rates. If a parishioner or inhabitant of a parish offends against this law, he is liable in proceedings taken against him in the ecclesiastical courts, to "be censured for the offence and admonished as to his attendance in the future," and to be condemned in the costs of the proceedings.

Now, dear friends, where were *you* last Sunday? Look out for the Public Prosecutor!

Are You a Jesuit?

A person is guilty of a misdemeanour who, being a Jesuit or member of any other religious order or society of the Church of Rome, comes within the realm without a licence of the Secretary of State—the punishment being banishment for life. A person who has been so banished, and is at large in the United Kingdom after the end of three months from the sentence, is liable to penal servitude for life or for not less than three years, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for not more than two years. There are also pecuniary penalties upon any person who, without being authorised by law, assumes the name of the Archbishop of any province, bishop of any bishopric, or dean ot any deanery in England or Ireland; and upon every Roman Catholic ecclesiastic, or Jesuit, or monk of any other religious order of the Church of Rome ,who exercises any of the rites or ceremonies or wears the habits of his order, except within the usual place of worship of the Roman Catholic religion, or in private houses. In this connection, it will be remembered that in September, 1908, the Government "in the interest of order," requested that at a procession contemplated in connection with the Eucharistic Congress in London, Roman Catholic vestments should not be worn or any Roman Catholic religious rites practised in the streets, and the wearing of the vestments and the carrying of the Host were consequently abandoned.

Now, dear Jesuit readers, have you your licence from the Secretary of State?

Do You Swear?

By the Profane Oaths Act—"an Act more effectually to prevent Profane Cursing and Swearing"—of 1745—it is enacted that: "Forasmuch as the horrid, impious, and execrable vices of profane cursing and swearing (so highly displeasing to Almighty God, and loathsome and offensive to every Christian) are becoming so frequent and notorious that, unless speedily and effectually punished, they may justly provoke the divine vengeance to increase the many calamities these nations now labour under; and whereas the laws now in being for punishing those crimes have not answered the intents for which they were designed, by means of difficulties in putting such laws in execution: for remedy whereof, be it enacted that if any person or persons shall profanely curse or swear, and be thereof convicted on the oath of any one or more witness or witnesses, before any one Justice of the Peace for any county, city, riding, division, or liberty, or before the Mayor, Justice, Bailiff, or other Chief Magistrate of any city or towns corporate or by the confession of the party offending, every person or persons so offending shall forfeit and lose the respective sums hereinafter-mentioned; that is to say, every day-labourer, common soldier, and common seaman, one shilling; and every other person under the degree of a gentleman, two shillings; and every person of or above the degree of a gentleman, five shillings. And in case any such person or persons shall, after conviction, offend a second time, every such person shall forfeit, and lose double, and for every other offence after a second conviction treble the sum first forfeited by any offender as aforesaid." The Act does not give any definition of what a "gentleman" is! But you will remember that a solicitor is defined by Act of Parliament as a gentleman, and the old joke is that it took an Act of Parliament to make him one.

So now, dear friends, *do* be careful about your language—or the P. P. will be after you!

Do You Work on Sunday?

We will conclude this week's sermon by reminding you of the provisions of the Sunday Observance Act of 1677. No drover, horse-courser, waggoner, butcher, higgler, or any of their servants may travel or "come to his inn" on the Lord's Day, under forfeiture of 20s.; and no tradesman, artificer, workman, labourer, or other person whatsoever of fourteen years of age or upwards, is to do or exercise any worldly labour, business, or work of his ordinary calling upon the Lord's Day ("works of necessity and charity excepted") under forfeiture of 5s., in each case, leviable by distress. Publicly crying, showing forth, or exposing to sale any wares, merchandise, fruit, herbs, goods, or chattels whatever on the Lord's Day is prohibited under forfeiture of the goods. But this provision does not extend to the prohibition of dressing meat in families, inns, cookshops, or victualling houses, or to selling milk before 9 o'clock a.m. or after 4 o'clock p.m. Under this Act a boy was proceeded against for crying newspapers for sale, and an order was made for forfeiture of his papers—poor little chap!

Next week we will tell you some more.

"THO' FAR AWAY, TO MEM'RY DEAR."

MAROONED AGENT'S EXPERIENCE OF STRAND FIRM.

The story which we here present is one of the most flagrant which have lately engaged our attention. In April of last year, a North-country man, with considerable commercial experience, replied to an advertisement purporting to be issued by the Gulf of Guinea Company, Limited, with registered offices at 170, Strand. The advertisers sought to enlist the services of an agent for the management of their business upon the French Ivory Coast of West Africa. The application was taken up by a firm trading as Cann and Partners, Limited, at the address above named. These people assumed authority to act for the Gulf of Guinea Company, and indeed, it appears that there was little more than a titular distinction between the two concerns. The following letter to the applicant may be said to have "opened the ball."

> We are in receipt of yours of the 29th inst., addressed to the Gulf of Guinea Company, applying for a position on the Coast. We have a vacancy at the moment for an Assistant Manager at one of our branches. The position carries with it a salary of £25 per month, with a 5 per cent. commission on all profits made by your station. In addition, this Company pays your living and travelling expenses on the Coast, and first-class passage outward and homeward. You would be required to sign a three years' agreement, with two months' leave of absence each year.

The terms were accepted, but in the course of negotiation a further condition emerged. It was explained that he would be given control of a large amount of cash and stock, and as a guarantee of probity he was required to make an investment in the shares of the Company. This stipulation presented some difficulty to the applicant, who was short of ready cash, and he does not appear to have given it the careful consideration which it clearly demanded. Ultimately he arranged to borrow £100 in order to comply with the Company's terms. This "formality" completed, the rest was easy. Upon the 15th of May, 1913, an elaborate contract of service was signed, and delivered. It was further agreed that regular payments should be made by the firm, on account of the agent's salary, to his wife, who was to remain in this country, and to the gentleman from whom he had borrowed the price of the shares. It was understood that stock had been dispatched to await his arrival, and a credit opened in his favour at a West African bank. On May 26th, he sailed from Dover, with credentials to a trusted "native assistant" at Grand Bassam.

Nearly twelve months have elapsed since then, and we can best continue the narrative in the simple words of our correspondent's letter, addressed to us from the Gold Coast on the 4th of last month. He says:—

> They paid my passage to the Coast, and that is all they have done. On arriving at Grand Bassam I found no stores awaiting me, no money at the bank. For three months I remained there at the mercy of the natives. Several times I cabled to London, latterly with money borrowed from white neighbours, but still they sent nothing. I was left there to starve. My wife and children received nothing, and they too had to beg or starve. They got my £100, and after that nothing was sent to the Coast.

A more base and cowardly deception can scarcely be conceived. Unhappily, the North-country man appears not to have been the only victim. Upon his arrival on the Gold Coast, where he had come to seek employment, he managed to get into communication with a former manager for Messrs. Cann and Partners, to whom his bitter experience was no matter for surprise. This gentleman wrote:—

> It is deplorable that the firm should have made such a dupe of you—just to get your £100—for that is what they have done. Moreover, I am afraid you will never get your salary, unless you take the initiative as I did. They are an unscrupulous lot.

Acting upon this advice, the poor fellow has written many letters to the Strand address, but has received no single reply. Scenting danger, the harpies have flown. Our representative called at the premises only to learn from the caretaker that they had "left" at the end of last year. Since then the man has been troubled with innumerable inquiries for their present address, of which, of course, he is ignorant. For the moment, they have evaded their liability. Meanwhile, our information, briefly summarised here, is at the disposal of any other victim.

WE BRIDGE THE CHASM.

HAPPY END TO A DETENTION DURING KING'S PLEASURE.

In our issue of October 11th last we appealed to the Home Secretary to release a man "confined during his Majesty's pleasure." After fighting all through the South African War, he fell ill and was invalided home. Upon recovery he tramped the country in search of work; he was unable to find it. Exhausted and broken-hearted, he returned to his wife and child. The day following, while his wife was out charing, he took a dose of poison and gave his little girl some. He survived, but the child died. When tried for murder, he pleaded that, owing to privation, at the time he committed the offence he was not responsible for his actions, and in the end he was sentenced to be imprisoned "during his Majesty's pleasure." After serving five years, he was transferred to the Salvation Army Colony, at Hadleigh—where he was at the time our paragraph was penned, pointing out the anomaly of the man's position, as he was even then engaged at bootmaking on his own account, and was evidently quite recovered mentally, as he was allowed to travel to London, unaccompanied, twice a month, to see his wife. It is gratifying to know our efforts have not been in vain. He has received his discharge, and the gentleman who at the time, through us, promised him work, has taken him on. Thus the chasm which, at one time, separated freedom from a living death and, at a later period, the lesser gulf between man and wife, have been happily bridged.

TARDY JUSTICE.

VICTIMISED PUBLICAN'S PERSISTENCE REWARDED.

Here is another achievement by JOHN BULL. The case of a licensee, named Frederick Tomlin, was dealt with at length in our issue of September 30th, 1911. In 1900 he acquired the 76 years' "free" lease of "The White Horse" public house in Fann Street, City—purchasing it on a copy of the licence verified by the Clerk to the Justices as correct. The licence was transferred to him, *no comment whatever being made from the Bench.* Seven months later the renewed licence was tendered to Mr. Tomlin, endorsed with a conviction of a former tenant *two years previous* to his taking over possession. Mr. Tomlin at once took the matter up with the Licensing Clerk, but all his letters were treated with contempt. Ultimately his health broke down under the burden of the worry, and the freeholder distrained—with the result that poor Tomlin was ruined. Our advice to him was to "keep pegging away." He did. Persistency has at last had its reward. After thirteen years' agitation, he has received a notification from the Licensing Clerk that he may state his case in open Court. We wish him luck, for he was obviously "let in."

COMING HOME TO ROOST.

BRINGING BROWN'S "SOLICITOR" TO BOOK.

G. H. Milner-Pugh—for some time connected with the German Burger, who under the name of "Charles Brown" carries on the business of a private detective at 13, New Oxford Street—has at last met with some of his deserts. Milner-Pugh is an undischarged bankrupt and the Law Society in November last decided not to grant him the renewal of the Certificate entitling him to practise as a solicitor. Notwithstanding this, he continued to act as "Brown's" legal representative in an action for libel which he had instituted against us—and as to the merits of which we, of course, now express no opinion. He also lodged various papers at Somerset House, as Solicitor for the Company which Brown had formed to take over his private detecting. For these offences he was on Friday last fined, at Bow Street, penalties amounting to £14 4s. Should he not pay the money within a week, he will of course go to gaol. Even now, he is not "out of the wood," as there is still to be cleared up the little matter of the extraordinary "Statutory Declaration," attested by him as late as February 12th last, and which we reproduced in our issue of March 28th. We think a stranger concoction will seldom have been read in a court of law.

Please Note! The Pen Coupon THIS WEEK is on page ii. of cover.

A SLACK SECRETARY.

TACTICS THAT BREED SUSPICION.

We have before us a number of complaints concerning the management and methods of Building Societies. Of these, it may at once be said, quite frankly, that in few instances is there any suggestion of crooked dealing, still less of deliberate fraud. In more than one case, however, there has been a want of directness and candour on the part of officials, which has served to create suspicion in the minds of aggrieved members and to afflict them with a sense of injustice. A single illustration will suffice. A Norwich lady explains to us that seventeen years ago she joined a Birmingham Society, taking shares not only in her own name, but in those of her two little boys, in a manner authorised by the somewhat curious rules of the concern. These lads are now grown men and have, as she says, "drifted away" from their mother. It is clear, however, that some years ago they wrote to the Secretary resigning their shares in her favour, and her equitable title to them was thus rendered complete. In the light of later events it appears that this transfer was not strictly in accordance with the Society's rules, and did not suffice to put the matter on a business footing. Instead of explaining this to the mother in a straightforward way, and suggesting means of overcoming the difficulty, the Secretary appears to have made all manner of excuses and finally to have fobbed her off with a promise that she should be "paid out" on a given day. The discharge of this undertaking was repeatedly deferred, and still no reasonable excuse was forthcoming. Our correspondent had by this time fallen upon evil circumstances and was sorely in need of funds. Aware of her plight, several friends appealed to the Secretary on her behalf, only to be informed that many similar claims were pending and that each must wait its turn. Up to this point there was no suggestion that delay was due to non-compliance with the rules.

A Shuffling Subterfuge.

Many months had elapsed in this futile fashion, when our correspondent, her patience exhausted, addressed a "stiff" letter to the dilatory official, employing terms which seemed to have "touched him on the raw." Somewhat meanly, he appears to have welcomed her wrath as an excuse for shelving the whole business. Apart from this, his reply was typical of the desultory fashion in which from the beginning he had treated her claims. It ran:—

> In reply to your letter to hand yesterday, I have not brought the matter before the Directors again, having deferred it till I had consulted with the Society's solicitor. However, as you now threaten what you call "other unpleasantness," I do not intend doing anything further till you "move."

Thus challenged, the lady at once placed the matter in the hands of a friendly lawyer. At the same time her younger son wrote to the Secretary in the following terms:—

> Having visited my mother, I am surprised to hear she has not received the money due to her from my share, as it is some considerable time since I transferred it. Please see that it is done at once, as she is in need of it.

To this business-like communication the Secretary deigned no reply. To our correspondent's solicitor, however, he was not ashamed to write in this fashion:—

> In reply to your letter, we have had applications from solicitors, accountants and others in London, Lowestoft and Norwich on various occasions, in respect of these shares, but in every case no evidence sufficient to justify the Society's solicitor to advise payment of the claim to her has yet been produced.

And in no single instance, we may add, had this glib gentleman thought fit to advise the applicants of the kind of evidence required. No single helpful suggestion had he uttered from beginning to end of the sorry business. Scarcely even had he informed the lady that her position was irregular in the light of the Society's rules. His behaviour in the matter is hard to explain and harder to excuse. Had he favoured the applicant with explicit directions, she would have striven to obey his ruling. As it was, she was left to flounder in ignorance and confusion. Such tactics, though free, as we believe, from dishonest intent, are easily calculated to involve a genuine concern in disrepute. They betray a mischievous laxity of administration which, if unchecked, may work untold harm.

THE HA! HA! LAMP.

HAMMERSMITH BOROUGH COUNCIL'S DEATH TRAP.

There is an innocent looking lamp standard in the centre of the Hammersmith Road, near Olympia, which is known to motorists as "The Ha! Ha! Lamp." It is the property of the Hammersmith Borough Council—one of the most thick-headed bodies in existence. The lamp at times shows a brilliant light, and at others the glim of a tallow dip—while at intervals, through sheer cussedness, it goes out altogether. It has been knocked down twenty times by motorists—only the other day one of them was killed outright by it, and two were injured. No sooner is it levelled to the ground, however, than it is re-erected by the Council, and the game continues. The thing is a regular source of supply to the West London Hospital, each accident not only giving it patients, but an advertisement in the Press. Such a terror has the concern become, that chauffeurs, after safely passing it, sing aloud "Ha! Ha!"

About a year ago an action was brought by a motorist against the Council. It was stated that at 12.45 a.m. the lamp had gone out, with the natural result that a collision occurred, it being knocked down, while two men in the car were injured. The local authorities counter-claimed for damages to their property. In the end, the jury found that the lamp was unlighted, but that there was contributory negligence on the part of the motorist. Doubtless they thought he ought to have known the fell reputation of the lump of iron in the road. Judgment for the defendants. And the Hammersmith Council smile! We are not vindictive persons, but we hope that if any other person is killed at this "island" it will be some member of that body. Can no steps be taken to compel them to remove the death trap, or keep it properly lighted?

BONUS TEA HORRORS.

"LEAVES" WANTED INSTEAD OF TEA.

The frowsy, down-at-heel touts, male and female, who go about in gangs working the "bonus tea" dodge, convey in their personal appearance a warning to respectable householders to have nothing to do with them and their deceptive schemes. They usually lead a vagrant existence, flitting from town to town as their business becomes obnoxious, and the possibility of their gaining a dishonest livelihood departs with the appearance of their address in these columns.

Members of the gang often "pig in" together in any shelter which they can find, and the following description of the conditions under which the "proprietors" run "The Ceylon Tea Association," of 277, Bramall Lane, Sheffield, is doubtless typical of many other coteries of these human vermin. 277, Bramall Lane, is a lock-up shop, occupied by a respectable tradesman who has entertained unawares a motley assortment of human beings who can hardly be described as angels. For their accommodation he innocently partitioned off a portion of his shop, into a space of 8 ft. by 10 ft. Here a man named Pugh, his wife and five children—the eldest a boy of thirteen, the youngest but a few months old—live and sleep. Two beds occupy the greater part and the few inches left round their edges form the headquarters of the "Association"—the vendors of the "Celebrated Cash Bonus Tea." The landlord some time ago gave the crowd notice to clear out, but they persisted in remaining, the seven eating and sleeping in their cramped and insanitary quarters, and in the intervals packing up the tea there before proceeding to hawk it round from door to door with the aid of various young women. To add to the horrors we have described, the man drinks. We are not surprised, therefore, to find that objection has in other places also been taken to the family. The Sheffield Health Department have served a notice requiring an abatement of the nuisance. The poor landlord has done everything he can to get rid of them—though to do so would be to relinquish every prospect of getting his rent, as the family possess no furniture, even the two beds not being their own property. The family's "leaves" are much preferred to their tea.

Be Quick! Last Chance to Win Our £300 Derby Prize. Turn to page 36 now.

A BOUNCING BANKRUPT.

ASTONISHING BREACH OF OFFICIAL RULE.

That State officials should be free from financial embarrassment is a vaunted tradition of the Service. The official Memorandum on the matter reads:—

> That in the event of any Civil Servant being arrested, or being adjudicated a bankrupt, or entering into any composition with his creditors under the Bankruptcy Acts, he will on the fact being known be suspended from duty and salary, and will not be reinstated unless after examination of the facts and of the schedule prepared by the Court, it shall appear that the difficulties have been occasioned by unavoidable misfortune and not by extravagance or culpable improvidence, or unless the case shall be characterised by previous circumstances of extenuation.

It appears, however, that here as elsewhere in this queer world of ours one man may "steal the horse" while another may not "look over the hedge." Mr. Edwin James Gates, who in May, 1910, became Manager of the Derby Labour Exchange, was actually an undischarged bankrupt at the date of his appointment. His misfortune had occurred at Leicester, where he had for some years been employed as an engineer's foreman. At the time of his failure no dividend was offered, and in the interval the debtor had apparently made no effort to discharge his liabilities. This fact seems to have offered no bar to the entry to the public service, but his establishment at Derby with a commencing salary of £210 per annum failed to stimulate his activities. It was not till March of this year that the debtor applied for his discharge from the Leicester adjudication. The County Court judge then approved an arrangement whereby his creditors were to receive £22 10s. of his yearly salary. Had his Honour been aware of the whole facts of the case, his judgment might have been less kind.

GATES "GANGS" HIS DISCREDITABLE GAIT.

Mr. Gates remains a bankrupt. He filed his own petition in the Derby Court in November of last year, four months before his discharge from the Leicester proceedings. His Derby liabilities, contracted after his entry to the public service, amounted to £541, against assets realising £48, and it was as an undischarged bankrupt that he contracted the whole of these obligations. In March, 1913, nearly three years after his appointment, he owed £300 to money lenders, and had a local bank overdraft of £200, which was guaranteed by a third party. From March to November of the same year he shouldered liabilities which actually exceeded the amount of his salary, and it does not appear that he disclosed the fact of his insolvency. Adjudging him bankrupt for the second time, the Derby judge severely condemned the debtor's conduct, hinting at the possibility of criminal proceedings.

Nothing daunted, Mr. Gates "came up smiling" at Derby on May 5th last to demand his discharge. With delicious *naïveté*, his solicitor urged that "for the public credit" it was undesirable "that a public official should be an undischarged bankrupt." His Honour was disposed to reverse this proposition, and he again declared that "no man ever came nearer to prosecution." Once more the debtor offered a lien upon his salary in exchange for his discharge, but this time the "wheeze" failed. His discharge was suspended till such time as he should have paid 15s. in the pound. The learned judge expressed some doubt as to the propriety of his conduct in withholding an order for prosecution.

"BLOW THE MEMORANDUM!"

"For the public credit" the debtor was suspended from his duties in November, 1913, but it appears that he immediately found interim employment elsewhere. Moreover, in the midst of his bankruptcy, he was appointed to the Managership of the Ipswich Labour Exchange and prior to his application for discharge his salary had actually been increased. To-day he is in charge of an important Exchange in one of the London boroughs.

Powerful influences must have been at work to check the normal operation of Service regulations framed in the interests of public decorum. In view of the fact that the Board of Trade is responsible for the control of Bankruptcy proceedings, and were thus officially aware of the man's history, it is hard to acquit them of aiding and abetting him.

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

A THRICE-BURIED SCOUNDREL IN THE DOCK.

No, Croydon does *not* want a Stipendiary—at least so the magistrates there say. What they really need is a governess to preside over their games of consequences.

For years the charitable public has been defrauded by a man named Cape Stanley Thomas, of Pemdevon Road, Croydon. His *modus operandi* was to write begging letters to clergy and others all over the country, whining for assistance to bury his mother, his father, or a child. He occasionally had the temerity to appeal for aid to carry out his own funeral! He had thus been dead and buried three times before he was recently put into the dock.

As the result of a number of complaints, a detective was set to watch Thomas, who was seen to leave a shop in Station Road, West Croydon, with two letters in his hand. After proceeding a few yards he opened them, and extracted a cheque from one. When questioned by the officer, he said a friend had given it him, but told that he would be taken into custody, he said: "Don't do that, sir. This is straight enough; it's only charity," and when charged on suspicion with having in his possession a cheque unlawfully obtained, he said: "I don't see where the unlawful possession comes in. I've been handicapped all along. I've had more trouble on my back than I can put up with."

After hearing this evidence, two of the four magistrates failed to see any *prima facie* evidence to support the charge, although they had in their hands a letter which accompanied the cheque and explained that it was for a specific purpose, which was entirely fictional, as well as a book containing names of clergy whom he had victimised. Consequently the police, who had numerous letters of complaint against the man, and who had several witnesses, including a clergyman in Oxfordshire, prepared to substantiate a charge of obtaining money by false pretences, had to see the mean hypocrite walk out of the dock and go home with his mother, *whose mortal remains he had already buried several times!* He has victimised people also under the name of Capelton, and we advise our readers to be on the look-out for him.

UNWEARING OR UNWEARABLE?

A TROUSER FIRM MORE HOLEY THAN RIGHTEOUS.

The Holeproof Clothing Company, of Toronto, and 34, Theobald's Road, London, W.C., appear to be making dissatisfied customers. Their advertisement declares that with every garment they send "a printed guarantee plainly stating that if the smallest *hole* appears in six months (NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU WEAR IT), *another* given absolutely free." If the garments supplied by the firm are no better than their grammar, their customers have very good grounds for complaint. Judging from information supplied to us by an Irish correspondent, this is the case. He wrote for patterns, selected one, and sent his measurements for a pair of trousers, accompanying his order with a remittance of 6s. 10d. After waiting nearly a month he received a pair of nether garments bearing no resemblance to the pattern he had chosen, and so ill-fitting as to be useless. In response to complaints, the firm requested him to return the goods—which was done. Since then nothing further has been heard from them, although our correspondent has repeatedly written demanding a refund of his money or a pair of trousers to his order. Luckily he possesses another pair which, although they were not claimed to be holeproof, will perhaps keep his nakedness decently clothed until the Holeproof Clothing Company see fit to give effect to their guarantee. At present, he seems to be of the opinion that the concern's trousers are "unwearable," rather than "unwearing."

An Ancoats (Manchester) reader also complains regarding the firm. He tells us that he sent 4s. 10d. for a pair of the Company's wonderful garments. Up to the time of writing us, he had received neither the goods nor an acknowledgment of the money, though he has written them twice upon the matter. In these circumstances, he cannot speak of the non-wearing qualities of their trousers, but the concern has certainly worn out his patience.

More Bank Notes to be Won. See "Bullets" Special Holiday Prizes. Page 34.

IMPERTINENT INSPECTION.

WANTON INTRUSIONS UPON DOMESTIC PRIVACY.

"The people of this country," said Mr. Josiah Wedgwood in the House of Commons the other day, "are getting tired to death of the elaborate inspection and control decreed by Parliament." Our correspondence affords ample confirmation of our honourable friend's assertion. Quite recently we received a complaint from a Manchester correspondent, who takes bitter exception to the proceedings of the local Sanitary Authority. For some reason or other, the officials lately resolved upon a house-to-house visitation in the district of Hulme. Inspectors were armed with authority to examine dwelling houses from floor to roof, and, not content with poking their noses into every corner, with an utter disregard of domestic convenience, they subjected housewives to an impertinent catechism ranging far beyond the limits of sanitary affairs. In some cases these discussions appear to have been conducted with a minimum of delicacy on the part of the visitors. The inspection was carried out in the daytime, when male householders might be expected to be absent at work.

"MISS HAMPDEN," OF HULME.

The daughter of one resident, however—warned by the experience of her neighbours—refused to admit the Inspector. Her action was heartily approved by her father, who, a few days later, received an ominous communication from the Deputy Superintendent of the Sanitary Authority. Herein it was stated that the Inspector had called "for the purpose of ascertaining the general sanitary condition, and was refused admission." The recalcitrant householder was given an opportunity for repentance and amendment, but should he or his representative again close the door "application must be made to the Justices for an order of admission." The visitor would call again.

The threat proved unavailing, and a formal notice was then served upon the father. On pain of legal penalties he was required to admit the Inspector, "without any hindrance or obstruction." The pretext for entry, however, was artfully amended. It was no longer the purpose of the Authority to "ascertain the general sanitary condition" of the house. So vague an intention might not serve to move the powerful levers of the law. But "take notice that complaint has now been made to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester in the County of Lancaster that a nuisance exists upon the said premises." The ignorance of the Authority as to the state of the house, which was the original excuse for entry, had now yielded to actual knowledge of a "nuisance." Seeing that the Inspector had been excluded from the premises, it is hard to see how he can have come by his information. Our correspondent, indeed, declares that there was no defect whatever in the sanitary arrangements and that the whole thing was a "put-up job." Fearful of consequences, his daughter at length permitted the Inspector to search the ground floor of the cottage, but declined to allow him to go through the bedrooms. Her attitude was perfectly reasonable. In workmen's dwellings the sanitary conveniences are wholly situate on the ground floor, and the visitor's desire to view the upper apartments in the company of a young girl was both unwarranted and impertinent. Yet, on her account of her perfectly proper refusal, the Deputy Superintendent thought fit to give swift effect to his earlier threats.

LAW *versus* LIBERTY.

An information was sworn before the Manchester Stipendiary to the effect that demand had been made for admission to the premises and that "such demand had been refused." The statement was untrue. The man had already inspected all the sanitary arrangements of the house. We cannot believe that these facts were correctly stated to the magistrate. He was bound, however, to accept the report of the responsible officers and, under his "hand and seal," an order "to admit the Officer of the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens" was accordingly issued. Armed with this warrant, the Inspector may, we suppose, visit the premises at any hour he chooses and ransack the bedrooms at his pleasure. We are by no means surprised that the incident has aroused acute indignation in the vicinity of Hulme. Small wonder that the public are "tired to death," as Mr. Wedgwood correctly divines.

AN UNKIND CUT.

THE PENALTY OF THRIFT.

Friendly Society members who "fly in the face of the Bible" by exceeding the allotted span are often heavily penalised for their inconvenient longevity. Our readers will recall several instances to which we have recently given prominence, notably that of the Rotherhithe veteran who, after fifty-five years of regular contribution to the Ancient Order of Foresters, found his "guaranteed" sick benefits reduced by more than a third. The hardship of this case is exceeded by that of another which has now been brought to our notice. The Ancient Order of Foresters is again concerned, and once more we have to complain of a flagrant breach of faith with a life-long subscriber. For fifty years a Plymouth correspondent has regularly contributed to the funds of the Order, thinking, as he assures us, that he would "benefit in his old age." In January of this year, however, he received a formal intimation from the Secretary of his Court to the effect that his sickness benefit was "stopped." At the same time, it was somewhat cynically proposed—the man is about 70 years of age—that he should continue to pay in a shilling a quarter towards the provision of funeral benefit. It will be noted that, without a word of apology, our friend's original contract with the Society was ruthlessly set aside. Its annulment was excused by reference to a Partial Amendment of Rules, dating from November, 1911. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it must be assumed that the alterations in question were sanctioned by a majority of the members, in accordance with the constitution of the Order. Even so, our correspondent was no party to the arrangement, nor does it appear that he was aware of the drastic changes effected. Indeed, he assures us that the notice of January last was his first intimation of the altered Rules which had robbed him at a blow of the ultimate reward of half a century's thrift. This circumstance serves to aggravate the injustice of his lot. Had he known three years ago that he was paying contributions, at considerable sacrifice, without prospect of further benefit, he would most likely have allowed his membership to lapse. He would have done so with reluctance, for he has always been a loyal and devoted member of the Order, but in the altered circumstances he would have realised the necessity of making other provision for a rainy day, and prudence would have urged him to "cut his losses" as far as the Foresters were concerned. Instead he was permitted, if not encouraged, to go on paying in circumstances which precluded the possibility of a return upon his money. A less "brotherly" proceeding can scarcely be imagined, and we cannot think that it can have been approved by the responsible officials of the Order. Our correspondent has a clear right to a refund of his contributions as from the date of the Amendment of Rules, of which it appears he had received no notice. When this slight reparation is made, a palpable injustice will remain. The licence accorded to Friendly Societies in the variation of their Rules should be effectually curbed.

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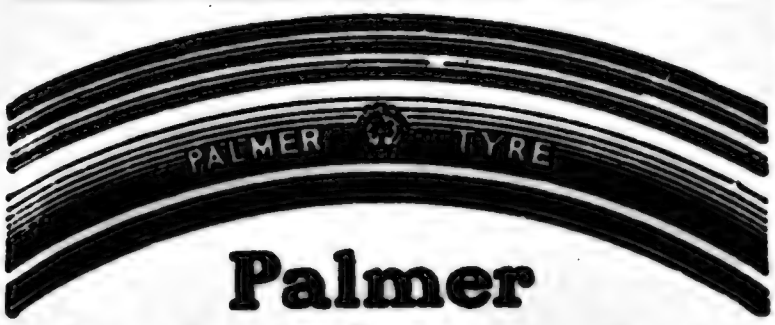

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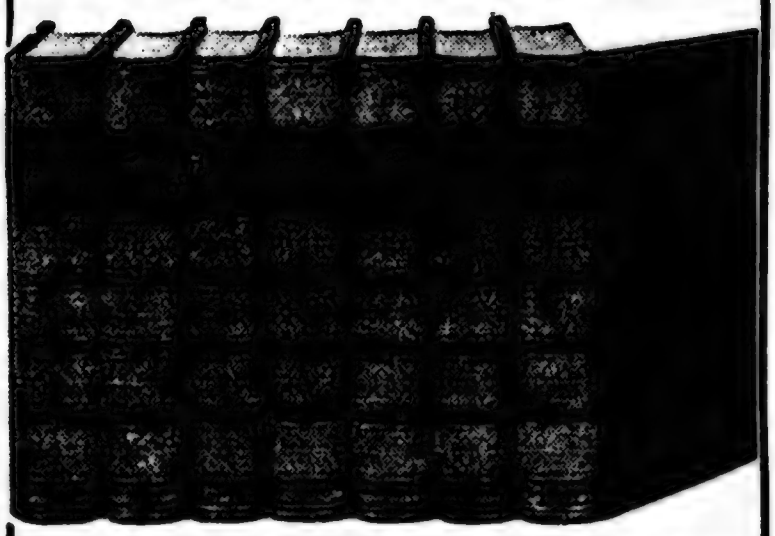

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KICKING UP A DUST.

THE SHORT STORY OF A CAMBERWELL RUBBISH HEAP.

Perhaps the gentleman who is now the Local Government Board will be good enough to explain his precise purport on earth. For some considerable time the Camberwell Council, as the local Public Health Authority, have been emptying the dust and rubbish of their borough at a railway siding near Southwark Infirmary, where last summer an outbreak of enteritis occurred among the children, nine of whom died. An Inspector of the Local Government Board came to the conclusion that the refuse heap is a nuisance and a danger; the Council took the elegant view that the objections to same were purely æsthetic, and that, in the words of the poet, it was a thing of beauty and a joy for ever; while on being informed by Mr. Board that he could not accept this view of it they have "decided to acknowledge the letter and take no action." A rumour is now current in the midst that the Local Government Board will turn over and go to sleep again, and that meanwhile the Council are arranging to include the dust heap in the local guide book as one of the sights of Camberwell. When the hot weather sets in again, there is little doubt that it will be signalised by another outbreak of the disease, unless in the meantime the Camberwell ratepayers have shown that they are determined to stand no nonsense on the part of the jacks-in-office who are so foolishly and callously risking the lives of the poor little patients. They probably count on those upon whose suffrages they are dependent being unmoved as long as the victims belong to another district.

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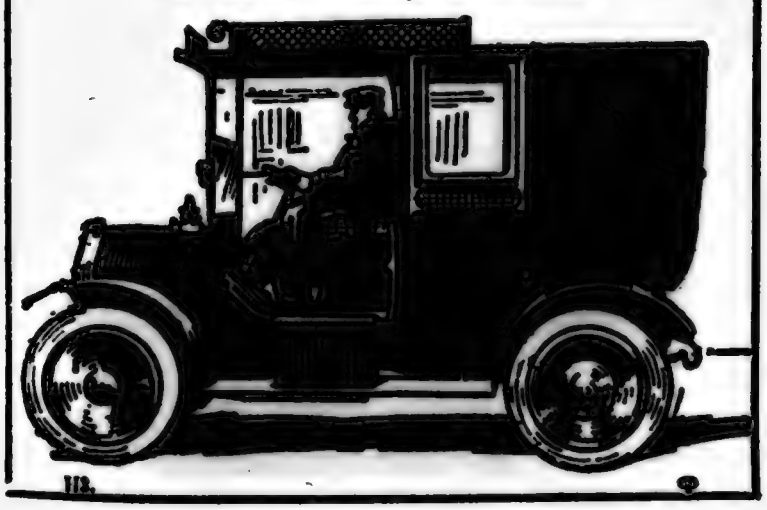

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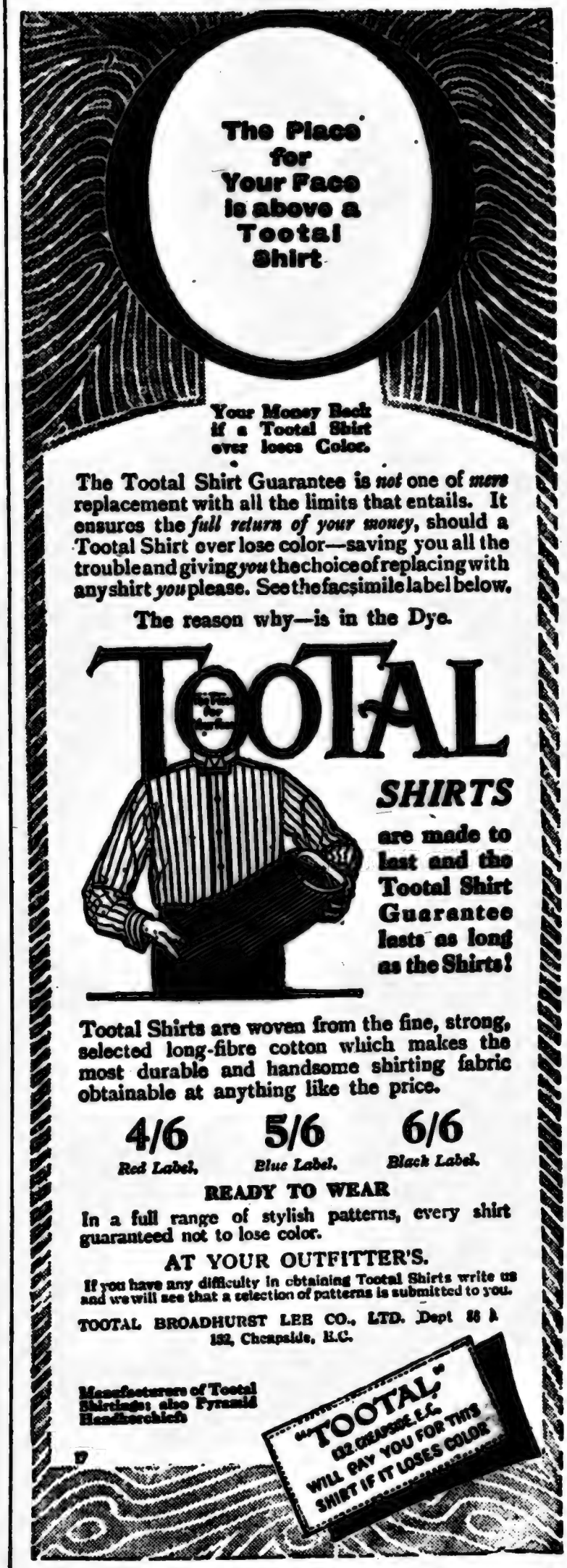

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A JOKE THAT NEVER FAILS.

By S. J.

Do editors know their business?

It is a question which it is dangerous for a writer to ask publicly. Privately, the answer has been given a thousand times by disappointed scribes.

But I am the first journalist to propound the query and to answer it in the negative, and yet expect to read what I have to say in print.

I have discovered a new joke—a joke that never fails, a joke that incidentally proves time after time that nobody takes the chief items of news in the newspapers seriously.

It occurred to me in this way: My feeble fount of wit had run dry, and yet I was expected nightly to take part in conversation. One night, in despair, I turned to the evening paper that was lying on my desk and I saw that the principal feature of its contents was a White Paper which the Government had issued concerning Ulster.

An inspiration! Now I could talk. So when a man came into the office I said to him, with an inquiring wave of the hand:

"Well, what do you think of the situation in Ulster?"

"Eh?" said the man, startled, and looking at me narrowly.

"This revelation of what took place at the Curragh, you know," I explained.

"Oh, yes," he nodded; "oh, yes. Rather interesting position, isn't it?"

"A very anxious period through which we are passing. A terrible crisis. Do you think that the integrity of the Empire is really at stake?"

"Here, come off it! What are you getting at?" he said.

"I repeat that we are passing through perilous times. It is one's duty to keep abreast of events, for who knows what emergency may arise?"

"Rats!" he exclaimed. "Have you got nothing better than that to talk about? What won the 4 o'clock race?"

I decided to make a conscious joke of this indifference of the average man to what appeared to editors to be the all-absorbing topic. I tried the effect of talking with my tongue in my cheek to all sorts and conditions of people about the leading news of the day.

"I am glad to notice," I would gravely say, "that our friendship with France is strengthened by the King's visit. It is extremely gratifying to know that our nearest neighbours are our allies."

Oh, yes; it looks all right in print, I know. All the papers keep on repeating it. But say it aloud; just say it to a man you know, and if he doesn't look hard at you to discover if you are quite serious, then you may write him down an impossible ass.

I always maintained an appearance of profound earnestness, and out of politeness the conversation would continue on the lines I suggested, to the amusement of all who had had their legs pulled.

The victim would always talk in such discomfort, he would always pretend that the subject was interesting, and he was so obviously relieved when some more than usually stupid phrase quoted from the chief column of the newspaper gave my game away and convinced him that I had merely been making fun. His whole attitude of reluctance, of embarrassed ignorance, of indifference, quickly convinced me that the editors of newspapers certainly don't know what interests their readers.

Of course, I speak in a broad sense. It is true that certain papers that shall be nameless here have seen the value of frankness and freshness and alertness. They do not take the old stodgy expected view and express it in the old stodgy expected way. They are beginning to cultivate honesty, or rather, they are merely allowing their real views to find utterance rather than the conventional and professional and machine-made opinions that have done duty every since newspapers were invented.

The unreality of newspaper writing can easily be tested by anyone, and they can derive a good deal of amusement into the bargain, by following my plan of attempting to make the day's biggest "stunt" the material for ordinary intercourse.

A WRONGFUL WRIT.

CREDIT CLOTHIER'S CULPABLE CARELESSNESS.

Means should be found to prevent the abuse of County Court process by credit and "tally" firms. More than three years ago, a Yorkshire reader bought a suit of clothes from a Mr. Jackson Armitage, of Shepley, Huddersfield, agreeing to pay for it in fortnightly instalments of half-a-crown. The debt was nearly discharged when the clothier appears to have made a blunder in his accounts, and when only a single half-crown remained unpaid he presented the purchaser with an account for seven and sixpence. Our correspondent at once drew attention to the error, enclosing his last instalment, and asking Mr. Armitage for a rectified account, which should serve as a final receipt. In the course of post he received a statement involving a repetition of the mistake, and alleging him to be indebted to the clothier to the extent of two half-crowns.

Pressed by matters of larger importance, our correspondent ignored this communication. He had discharged his agreement, and was in no way disturbed by a demand which had presumably arisen from a clerical error. He heard no more of the matter till January of this year, when he received a notice from Messrs. Thompson and Wright, a firm of debt-collecting accountants at Rotherham. The accountants demanded the immediate payment of five shillings. No account was enclosed, nor was there any indication of the nature of the debt. Concluding that the original error had escaped correction, our correspondent wrote to Messrs. Thompson and Wright, explaining that his liability had been fully discharged, and offering, if they chose, to produce his receipts for their inspection. This reasonable suggestion was contemptuously ignored without even the courtesy of a formal acknowledgment. On the last day of February, Mr. Jackson Armitage issued a County Court summons against the "debtor." It alleged a debt of five shillings, with a shilling for "costs."

As is usual in the case of such trivial claims, the defendant was offered all sorts of official inducements to "pay up" and "save trouble." It needs a sturdy sense of justice to resist satisfaction of a small debt summons. The thing is overlaid, back and front, with suggestions of compromise. There can be little doubt that many timorous defendants have thus been betrayed into an acknowledgment of liability having little or no foundation, but our correspondent was in no mood for "accommodation." On the eve of the day fixed for the hearing he learned that the summons had been withdrawn. This intimation was contained in a curt note from the debt-collectors, and was accompanied by no single word of apology of excuse. If, as we would fain assume, the incident was wholly traceable to an honest blunder, it was in the last degree unfortunate that its detection should have been so long deferred. The smallness of the amount involved affords no excuse for the carelessness exhibited. The customers of Mr Armitage are entitled to an assurance that the slovenliness displayed in the present instance affords no index to his business methods in general.

OUR 82ND "BULLETS" WINNER.

Mr. W. R. Thompson, of 13, Regent Avenue, Alexandra Park, Moss Side, Manchester, writes:—

> I was more than gratified when I purchased this week's John Bull to find that I was the winner of the prize in the 82nd "Bullets" Contest, and my delight was great when I received your cheque for £500. I feel I must thank you very much indeed for the very prompt manner in which you have acted in this matter. And now for a few personal words as to myself. I am 37 years of age, married, and have two little girls, so that your handsome prize will be put to good use in their case. I was born in a house No. 13, and live in one No. 13; the mystical 13 has not been unlucky in my case! I will send you in the course of a few days £5 for your "Human Document" Fund to be used at your discretion. Again thanking you for the splendid prize and the very prompt way you send your remittances.

No doubt the arrival of the £500 cheque by first post on the day of publication forms a very pleasant surprise—but one which it is not beyond the power of any person of ordinary ability to bring about.

Result of Our "Jubilee Handicap" contest. See page 28.

£10,000 IN PROFIT-SHARING GIFTS TO THE PUBLIC

THOUSANDS OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE UNIQUE TOILET DRESSING CASES EDWARDS' "HARLENE" COMPANY ARE DISTRIBUTING AT A COST OF £10,000. WONDERFUL ORGANISATION INSURES EVERYONE AGAINST DISAPPOINTMENT.

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£10,000 worth of valuable, fully-equipped Toilet Dressing Cases to be given away free!

This is the startling announcement made by Edwards' "Harlene" Co., Proprietors of the renowned "Harlene for the Hair," to commemorate the successful opening of their colossal new building.

And further, as preliminary Free Gifts, they are sending out with official particulars of this great scheme, thousands of specially-packed hair-growing and complexion-beautifying outfits.

Surely never before has so advantageous an opportunity been afforded woman to improve her appearance and maintain the youthful charm so coveted and admired when it is produced naturally instead of by complexion-spoiling, artificial cosmetics.

In their great Profit-Sharing Plan, it is the purpose of Edwards' "Harlene" Company to combine their remarkable methods of hair-growth with beauty treatment of the highest practical benefit to every lady, irrespective of the present state of her complexion.

EACH TOILET DRESSING-CASE THE LAST WORD IN COMPACT ELEGANCE.

The coupon below will bring you full details concerning this amazing gift, and, in addition, a supply of "Harlene," "Cremex" Shampoo, and the wonderful new "Astine Vanishing Cream."

Words cannot adequately describe the beauty of each Toilet Dressing Case or the value of its contents. The whole equipment would cost a big sum if obtained from any of the leading West End Salons, for it comprises Toilet Achievements which have cost Mr. Edwards enormous expense and years of research and experiment to bring to perfection.

THE COUPON BRINGS YOU A FIVE-FOLD BEAUTY GIFT. SEND IT IN TO-DAY.

It is the proved value of their preparations alone which enables Edwards' "Harlene" Company to make this offer without a penny of cost to the thousands who apply.

(1) A trial bottle of "Harlene" which will cause your hair to grow in healthy abundance.

(2) A packet of "Cremex" Shampoo Powder, which dissolves all scurf, allays scalp irritation, and prepares the head for "Hair-Drill."

(3) The "Hair-Drill" Booklet of valuable hair facts and directions for practising the wonderful "2-minute" method of hair culture, which has 5,000,000 adherents.

(4) A trial of "Astine" Vanishing Cream, which will rid the complexion of all blemishes and take years off your apparent age.

(5) Full directions how to share in the £10,000 Beauty Gift Distribution.

EXAMINE YOUR HAIR TO-DAY.

If your hair is falling out, coming away in the bristles of your brush or the teeth of your comb, it is in immediate need of attention. If it is too dry or too greasy, clogged up with scurf and dandruff, send for your Hair-Drill Outfit at once. You can then remedy matters immediately and learn how to secure a beautiful Toilet Dressing Case, which you will quickly come to regard as the chief part of your Toilet Outfit.

Even if your hair is now in the very best condition, you are not debarred from securing this Five-fold Beauty Gift. It is open to all, a popular celebration of the success of immensely popular Toilet Preparations.

All you have to do is to send 3d. stamps with the coupon, to defray cost of postage.

"Harlene" in 1s., 2s. 6d., and 4s. 6d. bottles, "Cremex" in 1s. boxes of 7 powders (single 2d. each), and "Astine" Cream in 1s. and 2s. 6d. pots, are sold by all Chemists or direct post free on remittance. Foreign postage extra. Cheques and P.O.'s should be crossed.

DO YOU WANT THIS BEAUTIFUL GIFT?

If you have an abundance of hair and a clear skin, you undoubtedly possess two of the main factors of a good appearance. The great £10,000 Profit-sharing Gift will enable you to gain these without expense. Full particulars, along with a wonderful bijou beauty outfit, are offered in return for the Coupon.

GREAT PREMIUM GIFT.

To EDWARDS' "HARLENE" CO.,
20-26, Lamb's Conduit Street,
London, W.C.

Please send me the Five-fold Beauty Gift, including full particulars of the £10,000 Profit-Sharing Gift Distribution. I enclose 3d. stamps for postage to any address in the world. (Foreign stamps accepted.)

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

JOHN BULL, 23.5.1914. .....

"THE GREATEST OF THESE—"

HUMAN DOCUMENTS.

[On this page every week we publish particulars of human derelicts whose cases, after full investigation, we are able to recommend to the charity of our readers. We are happy to say that in this way we have already been the means of bringing comfort into many a wretched home. All amounts subscribed are duly acknowledged, and no deduction of any kind is made by us.]

CCCXXVII.—FROM COUNTRY TO COLLIERY.

A comparatively young man has been broken on the wheel of industrialism. Originally brought up in the country as a tiller of the land, he, like a good many more, became dissatisfied with the long hours and small wages, and decided to seek not "fields and pastures new"—but employment in the towns. His wanderings eventually led him into the colliery district of Wales, where he became a pit hand. Here he had much shorter hours and bigger wages, and for a time he thought he was in the urban equivalent for clover. After saving a few pounds he sent to his native place for the girl of his heart, and they became man and wife. In due course came along the usual "little stranger," and then—the trouble commenced. First, the wife fell dangerously ill, and then the baby. Life in the colliery district did not seem to agree with them. For weeks mother and child were nursed by the father as best he could after his day's work, but eventually he broke down also. Foul air and the damp places he had to work in soon undermined his constitution, and he has for the last three months been lying seriously ill; and from very careful inquiries we have made it is quite plain he will never be able to work in a colliery again. His only chance—and that of his wife and child also—is to get back into the country. They are only too eager to return to their native place; once there, he is sure they would all soon be restored to full health, when he would have little difficulty in securing outdoor employment, as his character is unimpeachable; but the question is, how? Will our readers help to save these three human beings from the workhouse and the grave?

CCCXXVIII.—A TRAGEDY OF TRIPLETS.

Here is a case worthy of the attention of the Bishop of London. Living in Manningham is a widow with *eleven children!* Her husband died a few weeks ago, after sixteen years of married life—a long struggle for existence on little over a pound a week. We are told by a clergyman in the district that he succumbed to "heart failure"—and we can quite believe it, for the latest blessing of "Providence," a few weeks before he died, was triplets—all girls, who are still alive and kicking. Needless to say, the poor mother is nearly distracted, for she does not know what is to become of either herself or her children. There is only one out at work—a sturdy little chap, aged 15, who earns half-a-guinea a week. There is the workhouse, of course, but the mother, who has suffered so much in bringing these children into the world, naturally does not wish to part with them. What can be done? The family are quite penniless, and are being kept alive by kindly neighbours, some of whom have written us stating that if our readers will only give a little assistance, the Guardians may be induced to grant outdoor relief; whilst the problem of taking care of the youngsters while the mother goes out to work will be solved by the neighbours who are not "blessed" with such large families looking after them. With all due respect to the bachelor Bishop, we must say that we hardly think this is a case which he will care to quote in support of his theory that it is the duty of the citizen to bring into the world as many children as he can.

CCCXXIX.—"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME."

The founder of the Christian religion spoke these words nearly two thousand years ago, yet to-day we have to relate the following sad story of a little crippled child. He is eight years of age, and has never sat up or walked in his life, as he suffers from paralysis of the spine. His father is a goods porter, earning 22s. 6d. a week, and he has two other children. The little sufferer has for a number of years been an out-patient at Great Ormond Street Hospital, but they can do nothing for him, beyond advising the mother to give him plenty of nourishing food—a sheer impossibility on her husband's small wages. The paralysis has affected the child's speech. Several institutions have refused to take him, on account of his helplessness. His mother, in appealing to us, says she feels sure that if she could only supply the needful nourishment during a sufficiently long period, the child would get better. We feel we cannot resist her appeal. Who will give him a chance of life and health?

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We have received the following, which we have duly forwarded to the subjects of the "Human Documents" named:—

CCXC.—F. R. H. S., 21s.

CCCXII.—"Walter" (Cardiff), parcel.

CCCXX.—E. C., 1s.

CCCXXII.—"Inky," 2s. 6d.; H. L., 1s.; J. H. B., 1s. 6d; "Little Cassie," 6d.; "Chiswick," 1s.; "Freda and Pat," 1s.; J. K., 1s.; "Little Johnnie," 8s.; C. G. N., 1s.; H. E. S., 2s. 6d.; "Widow's Mite," 2s. 6d; E. M. H., 1s.; "Gretchen," 1s.; "Silentia," 5s.; "Sulphur," 3s. 9d.; "Gentleman Jim," 1s.; "Anon," 1s.; "Inasmuch," 3s. 6d.; "In Memoriam," £1; "Butcher," 5s.; "Quo Fata," 2s. 6d.; J. W. C., 2s.; "Hengher," 1s.; W. L., 1s.; "Granny," 1s.; A. L. H., 1s. 6d.; "Excuse Mistakes but have Been Ill," 2s. 6d.; E. B., 5s.; L.E.G.O., 5s.

CCCXXIII.—"Timothy," 6d.; J. S. (Greenock), 1s.; B. S., 5s.; W. H. P., 1s. 6d.; R. A., 2s. 6d.; G. H., 1s.; "Backer of The Curragh," 1s.; "Mary," 2s.; H. E. S., 2s. 6d.; Mrs. H. H., 2s.; "Better Luck Next Time," 2s. 6d.; "Forgetful," 1s.; "Yum," 1s. 6d.; P. W. C., 2s. 6d.; "Dickie," 2s.; "Hengher," 1s.

CCCXXIV.—F. B., 1s.; J. W., 10d.; F. E., 6d.; Mrs. H. R., 2s.; W. S., 1s.

CCCXXV.—G. K., 1s.; "Little Johnnie," 8s.

CCCXXVI.—A. B. F., 2s.; "Widow's Mite," 1s.

Mr. P. Andrews, the winner of the First Prize in our Sixth "Bullets" Competition, has sent us £5, which we have divided between "Human Documents" CCCXII and CCCXXIII.

We have this week divided £10 from the John Bull Football Cup Sweepstake Charity Fund between CCCXXIV and CCCXXV; £10 from the John Bull Grand National Sweepstake Charity Fund as follows:—CCCXX, 5os.; CCCXXII, 5os.; CCCXXVI, £5; and £5 16s. 5d. from the John Bull Derby Sweepstake Charity Fund as follows:—CCCXI, £3; CCCXIII, £2 16s. 5d.

The disposition of the £500 given to Charity under the John Bull Derby Sweepstake, 1913, scheme is now completed.

We are glad to say that two charitable readers, engaged in the profession, have offered to supply artificial teeth to the married porter, with four children, earning 20s. a week, and the wife of the casual labourer who has had to have all her teeth extracted; while G. F. P. (Bournemouth) and F. G. P. (London) have each sent two Surgical Aid letters for the artificial leg required by the poor girl who is the sole support of her mother. The donation of F. G. P. is the purest form of charity, as he really wanted the letters to obtain artificial teeth for himself, but recognised the girl's greater need.

THE TRUMP FUND.

We have received the following further subscriptions:—

J. H. B., £2; R. M., 1s.; "Chiswick," 1s. 6d.; Mr. Oswald Stoll, £3 3s.; T. L., 6d.; "A Woman Trier," 2s. 6d.; O. H., 9d.

We have to acknowledge the following on behalf of the poor woman referred to in our issue of April 18th, under the heading of "Not Strained":—"An Englishman" (Balmain, Sydney), £1; "Billingsgate," 5s.; "A Farmer," 2s.

Important! The Pen Coupon THIS WEEK is ON PAGE ii OF COVER.

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is planned to combine style and freedom at prices within the reach of the man of moderate means. Glesco Sports Wear is "quality wear" despite the low price—only the great trading resources of such a house as the Glasgow Clothing Co. make such value possible

In clothing for your "slack" hours—for walking, boating, golf, tennis or cricket you will find your need is fully met in Glesco wear. Only those materials which have been thoroughly proven for hard strenuous wear are utilized in Glesco garments and the wide range of scientifically graded fittings allows us to fit you from stock as accurately as though we made your coat or trousers to measure.

All lines shown in this announcement will be **SENT ON APPROVAL FOR SIX DAYS** on receipt of remittance—your money will be returned in full if you are not entirely satisfied. Send for the folder "Glesco Wear for the Outdoor Man."

GLESCO Flannel Trousers made from pre-shrunk flannel in white and grey. Permanent turn-up, belt loops and side straps and buckles. In ordering give length of leg from fork and waist measurement **7/6 & 10/6**

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SUCCESS IN AUSTRALIA.

A GREAT OFFER.

LADS, FARM WORKERS AND DOMESTICS.

The feature about emigration to New South Wales and Victoria, Australia, is that the Government guarantees work to all people to whom encouragement is given. This places the business upon a proper footing and prevents risk about unemployment. Both New South Wales and Victoria make an extremely attractive offer to town and country lads between the ages of sixteen and twenty years, farm workers, and domestic servants.

The ordinary third-class fare is £18. Applicants who are approved by the Government, however, get greatly reduced steamship passages. Farm workers secure fully-paid tickets at £8, lads at £7, domestics at from £3 to £6. Those who are unable to pay these amounts may secure time payment terms, which enables farm workers and lads to embark for a deposit of £3 each, while domestics will be accepted for a deposit of only £1. The balance is refunded in easy instalments out of wages after reaching Australia.

These reduced passages are a good start, but they are not all. To every lad, farm worker, or domestic, the Government gives a guarantee of work immediately after landing, at very satisfactory wages. Lads are guaranteed from 10s. to 15s. weekly, and domestics from 12s. 6d. to 25s. a week, in addition, in all cases, to free board and lodging.

The lads and domestics travel on steamers under the special care of Government Superintendents or Matrons.

The offer to lads between the ages of 16 and 20 is especially to be commended.

Every lad may confidently expect that he will be earning £1 and his board and lodging within twelve months after landing, and every capable, temperate farm worker may look forward to becoming a substantial farmer.

For full particulars, illustrated pamphlets, and letters from those who have succeeded, apply at once to Assistant Superintendent of Immigration for New South Wales and Victoria, 320, Melbourne Place, Strand, London, W.C.—[Advt.]

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

[This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.]

To His Majesty King Christian of Denmark.

Sir,—I would have you know that the reception accorded to you and to your gracious consort upon your recent visit to our capital was no mere courteous deference to your high estate. We Britons are an undemonstrative people, and do not so easily shed our customary reserve. But your dynasty is linked with ours by memories which are the dearer now that they are tinged with sadness and the shadow of loss. In the hearts of our respective peoples the affection of rulers has begotten amity and trust. From the day when a Princess of your line, in the first glory of her queenly womanhood, wooed and won our British hearts, the Dane has ceased to be a stranger in our land. Should jealous foes threaten your peace, you shall not invoke our chivalry in vain. God Save Your Majesties!

John Bull.

To the Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, P.C., M.P.

Dear Leader,—How are you feeling about it all? Looks rather like "checkmate," doesn't it? But, there, you can never for a moment have believed that Asquith was going to alter the substance of his Home Rule Bill and thereby forfeit the aid of the Parliament Act. Not—very—likely! You can't catch an old bird with that kind of chaff. The sincerity of your desire for "compromise" must be tested. When the "amending Bill" comes along you can take it or leave it, as you choose. Should you succeed in defeating it the original measure will receive the Royal Assent, and, of course, you will be told that the blood of Ulster must be upon your own stubborn head. If, on the contrary, you should accept the Government's concessions, you will have become a party to a settlement which you cannot afterwards denounce for electioneering ends. On the one hand, the Devil, my dear sir, and on the other, the deep blue sea. Tricky game, eh? Cheer up! Practice makes perfect, and you'll play it better by and by.

John Bull.

To the Right Hon. John Burns, P.C., M.P., President of the Board of Trade.

Dear John,—I have much admired the pretty pictures of you which have lately appeared in the daily papers. There you are in tasteful Court attire, walking with no less a personage than Mr. Arthur Balfour, away from the Guildhall reception of the King and Queen of Denmark! I suppose you felt no end of a swell, and you certainly look as perky as a prize rabbit. I wonder what you were talking about. I suppose you were telling Balfy that he was an arch-conspirator, who ought straightway to be impeached for corrupting the King's Army, and inciting to civil war; while he, perhaps, was accusing you of a foul plot to dismember the Empire and to trample under foot the finest traditions of the nation. No? What was it then; merely the weather, or the prospects for the Derby? No business of mine, you may think. Ah, well, John, good luck to you. You've earned your cocked hat, and it suits you fine. Stick close to your new job.

John Bull.

To the Rev. T. G. Dixon, M.A., Lord of the Manor, Holton-le-Moor, Lincs.

Rev. Sir,—Though as Chairman of Caistor District Council you are entitled to sit as a magistrate, I see you have refused to do so on the ground that you are the owner of four public-houses and don't wish to adjudicate in licensing cases; also because you object to send destitute men to prison for begging. That it is a conscientious conviction goes without the saying; this little note is merely to inform you that, per contrast, the most fanatical teetotalers don't scruple to sit as magistrates in public-house cases, and that as for begging cases—why, rev. friend, there would be nothing to prevent your preaching a sermon at the poor beggars and then letting 'em off. However, do as you would rather.

John Bull.

To John Redmond, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, S.W.

Dear John,—I imagine you are just beginning to feel the draught. All this talk of compromise and concession must be vastly irritating to your followers, and it says much for your tact and influence that you have kept the "bhoys" quiet so long. Your future lot can scarcely be a happy one. No one expects you to be enamoured of an "amending Bill," but as far as the Party game is concerned it won't matter a split pea whether you like it or "do the other thing." I have just been reminding Boney Law that he will be bound by every consideration of policy and discretion to afford free passage to the Government amendments. In this event you and your merry men can vote for them or against them, or go away and swear—just as you jolly well please. Your eighty odd votes, so valuable in the preliminary stages, will then be dust in the balance. You have played your cards shrewdly and well, but in the last rubber Asquith will trump your ace and win by the odd trick. You'd better begin to pack.

John Bull.

To Mongseer Mariage, Traffic Expert, Paris.

Cher Mongseer,—I havvey what you call l'honneur to notice zat you come to Londres all ze vay from vere you are to teach ma grandmere to suck ze egg—non, non, I of you demand ze pardon—je not mean zat exactement—how I myself should to you explain is zat you come par l'invitationg of the Londres County Council zem to advise on ze consolidationg et ze unificationg of ze tramvay tracks dans les streets. Vive L'Angtarnt Cordial, vive yourself, vive all ze lot of us, unless we die by ze motor-'bus or ze tramvay or ze automobile, or ze pantechnicon, nesspar, not was it so, mong cher ami? But yes. One time I tell myself zat Londres she know somesings or two, if not more, now I place ze hand on ze heart et say in ze vords of zat grand homme, le lor Chatham, before zat he was as dead as ze door nail—ze day before yesterday La Belle Londres might have stood against ze whole vorld, now zis day she so soft on ze brain zat she have to march all ze way to Paree to bring ze cher mongseer to tell her zat what she know about tramvays is nosings. Bah! Pouff! Rosbif! Tra-la-la! What she call her County Council make me mal de mer.

Cher mongseer, I make angry with myself, not vis you—non; but what is zat you say? Ah, I it have. Wiz all due deference—*soit dit sans vous facher*—I sink zat peutetre—I say I sink zat perhaps—if ze Londres County Council look out zay find one grand homme, deux grands hommes, trois grands hommes, much grands hommes English in zis country, who tells them somesings about zose Londres tramvay not so worse zan you. I say not one word more. You come to mind our own business. Bon! Vive ze angtarnt cordial!

John Bull.

To the Chairman, District Council, Newark.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to inform you that, having considered the proceedings of the Council in regard to the roadmen's Saturday half-holiday, I think the final resolution carried by the majority of the members very spiteful and very mean. As the motion that these employees of the Council, engaged for a mere pittance in lowly and unappreciated but necessary toil, should be given a half-holiday on Saturdays was carried by the casting vote of the Mayor, I should have imagined that even narrow-minded men, miserly of the respite of one half-day in six voted to these lowly labourers, would have accepted the decision of the Mayor, their Chairman, as final. Instead of doing that they raised the question again, and by a majority filched from the men the boon they had won. Such petty spite and grinding exaction of ceaseless, ill-paid labour, sir—I believe the wage of the Newark roadmen is half-a-crown a day—is not only discreditable to the Council as a body, but tends to exasperate labour against capital, workers against employers, and hasten that day of industrial upheaval which, as all careful watchers foresee, is not far off its revolutionary dawning. Shame, then, on the members of the Council who have done this wrong; I trust the ratepayers of Newark will remember it and resent it the first opportunity a local election affords.

John Bull.

Now for the Derby! £300 for placing the first three. See page 36.

THE JUDGMENT OF IPSWICH.

(A long way after "The Judgment of Paris," by Rubens.)

The Party "beauties" stand and pose,
While Ipswich makes selection;

The prize—that "rare, refreshing fruit,"
The Apple of Election.

JOHN BULL'S VARIETY TURNS.

MR. MASTERMAN.

In his celebrated song entitled
"Which is Ipswich?"

By special invitation,
In the interest of the nation,
Down to Ipswich, full of ardour have I come,
To win this bye-election,
For I am the best selection—
That is, in the opinion of some.

My merits are so many
(My opponents haven't any)
That my chances seem to me distinctly bright,
And—although some idiot sniggers—
I am confident the figures
Will be largely in my favour on "The Night."

If by chance I am defeated,
Doomed to still remain unseated,
It will be, I own, a rather nasty blow,
For to have no seat to sit on'
Is a horrible position
For a member of the Government, you know.

The officials of the Duchy
Are becoming slightly touchy,
And regard me with a scorn that's plainly seen;
Now and then I catch them winking,
Which informs me they are thinking
Of my tragical defeat at Bethnal Green.

If that tale should be repeated,
And at Ipswich I'm defeated,
It can only end in one thing, I'm afraid:
I must politics abandon—
No seat means no leg to stand on—
But, thank goodness, I have always got my trade!

For the expert with the whitewash,
Who can give a thick or slight wash,
There is always profitable work to do—
You recall the famous story
Of Akbar Reformatory?
I can similar activities renew.

But I won't be pessimistic,
I shall probably win this trick,
And again the Commons with my presence grace.
Where my sanctimonious dial
Is to some a constant trial
As I walk with mournful mien about the place—

Or declare with smug assurance
My opinion of Insurance
And of those who can't, or won't, its merits see,
Pleased as Punch to win a smile
From my boss, Lloyd George, the while,
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Should mine prove to be the lips which
Win the confidence of Ipswich,
Should my seatless state be remedied at last,
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It would really be a crusher
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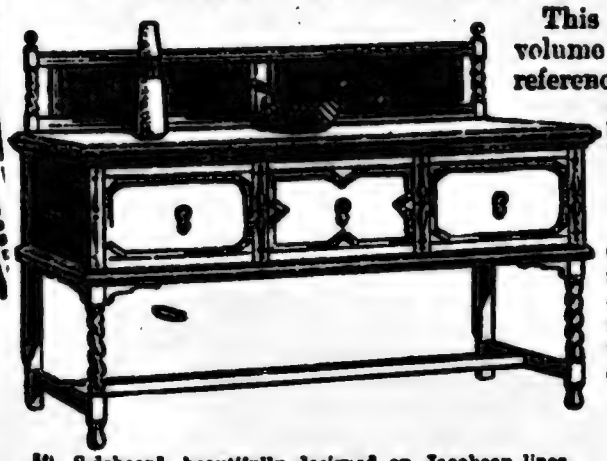

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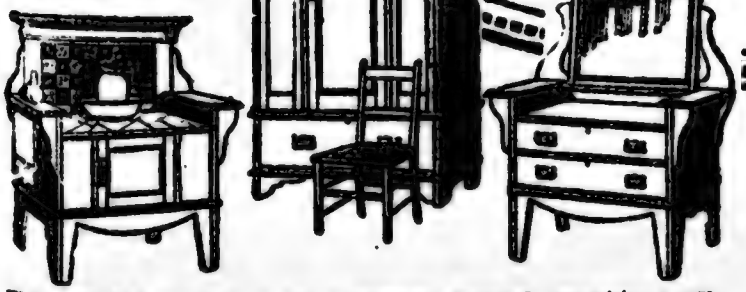

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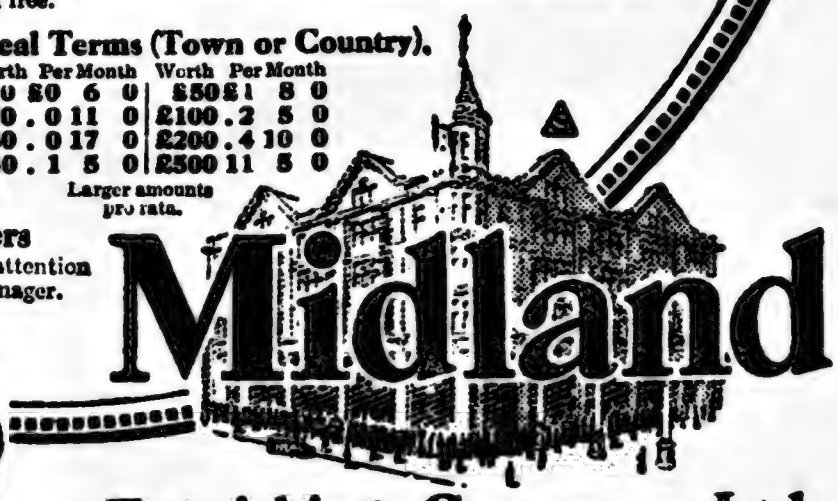

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"I can't," he replied, and the drops that had welled to his eyes trickled down his cheeks. "I've tried hard enough, you know, but I just can't go on. Besides, it's not my work; you began it, you'd better finish it. Here, take the knife."

"Oh, all right, then," said the woman, as she took the proffered knife, with a glance of contempt at her husband, and continued peeling the onion.

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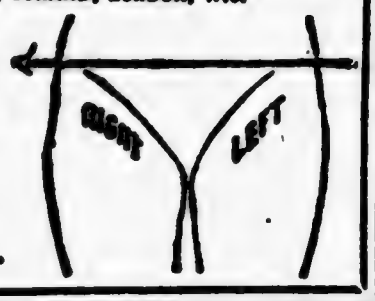

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Mural tablette
Of
Ye verie befte puttie
Was ereckted
Bye some whoo knewe hym welle
In memorie
Of
Walter C. Cunningham
Whoo
(Hee sayed soe hymselfe, soe itt muste bee true)
Was
Americka's Monie Makynge Genius,
And whoo
(As was alsoe claimed bye ye notorious
Hugh McKean)
Started wyth a capital of onlie
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From ye whyche small begynnynge
Hee eftablyfhed
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Thatte developed too
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Wyth
Ye sublyme unfelfifhnefs thatte belonges too
Ye Yankee character,
Hee came from Denver, Colorado,
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And founded
Ye Nacionale Success Institute,
Soe thatte hee myghte teache
(For a confideraçione)
Englyfh menne and womenne " howe too emerge
From ye trench of defpaire,
And conquer ye heightes of Succefs."
Hee alfoe came soe thatte hee myghte
(For a confideraçione)
" Gyve Lyghte toe thofe thatte sitte in Darknefs
And in ye shadowe of Defpayre,"
For
" Toe guyde themme intoe ye waie of Peace "
Through ye medium of ye
Mail Order Business
(For a tryflynge confideraçione)
" Was ye deareft wyfh of hys lyfe."
For a confideraçione,
Too witte, Twoo Guineas—
One downe, and ye other in ye dimme future—
Hee undertooke too teache
Ye truftfulle menne and womenne of
Greate Britayne
" How toe selle bye fyrft securynge cafh
In advance from theyre cuftomers,
And thenne doe bufinefs wyth ye sayed cuftomers'
Money
Bye takynge ye cafh sente
And goynge out too buy wyth itt ye thynges they hadde
Solde! "
And vere nyce too!
Some
Myghte thynke itt strange
Thatte a manne whoo coulde make millyons in Americka
Shoulde come over toe benyghted Britayne
Toe teache ye natyves
(For a tryflynge confideraçione)
" Quicke waies toe make monie."
Butte
Thatte is one of ye myfteries of
Ye Yankee character.

Here lyeth Walter Cunningham,
Whoo thought " A cunning manne I am:
I'll make some cash, though itt soundes funnie,
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Bull's Eyes.

Notes of Interrogation:—

Wasn't Roosevelt the man who discovered America?

What is the exact revenue from gun licences in Ulster?

Are the Pink City promoters already feeling "blue"?

Do the letters "R. A." now stand for "Really Angry"?

Aren't they calling it the Never-get-Home Rule Bill now?

Are any of the bookmakers in mourning for The Tetrarch?

Isn't an Autumn "cession" what most members are praying for?

Wasn't the Grimsby "Tickler" one in the ribs for the Government?

Isn't "do it first, and discuss it afterwards," quite an Irish method?

Doesn't the Income-tax seem to be Lloyd George's principal "weigh out"?

Do you know that we pay gold for "Bullets" that strike us? See page 34.

Will the "levitated" train "take a rise" out of the other railway companies?

Did Sir Edward Carson wire, "Redouble your efforts" because of the enemy "Dublin"?

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Of course a big screw can afford to laugh at the tax.

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Strange that the level-headed man usually has the most bumps.

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Happy is the man who can wipe off the day's worries on the doormat.

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When carving out a career, so many try to make an impossible figure.

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The circle cannot be squared; but the wedding-ring knocks off a good many corners.

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The man who begins picking holes must not be surprised if he returns empty handed.

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Truth may be at the bottom of the well, but many in search of it draw up empty buckets.

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"It's the bride's day out," somebody says of a wedding. The bridegroom is usually a bit out, too.

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If you lose your appetite, it is better to look for it at the seaside, before trying a chemist's shop.

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Mr. J. M. Glover is producing a new revue, titled "What's the Matter?" The critics will tell him.

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The "Tax on Foreign Hops," alluded to in a contemporary, does not refer to the Tango and suchlike dances.

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Charles Frohman says the public want "quicker" drama. Well, most of it *is* decidedly "slow" nowadays.

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There is no truth in the rumour that the editors of the humorous journals dined together on Chestnut Sunday.

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To save his parents from distress, an advertiser in *The Times* is willing to "sell himself." Evidently he is not worth much.

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A woman told a magistrate that her daughter was unable to attend school, because she had "Ulcers" on her head. A bit of Irish.

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A woman told a magistrate that she had no latch-key, so she always put her child through the window to open the door. A living skeleton key.

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Obvious Omens:—

To dream of Hitchy Koo is the sign of *Pulex Irritans*.

To pass three men in blue is the sign that the row is over.

To dream of unpaid bills is the sign of a moonlight journey.

To hear a man spoken of as a bad egg is the sign that his name stinks.

To see a youngster walking for the first time is a sign that mischief is afoot.

To see a bull in the field you're crossing is a sign of a journey in haste.

To dream of cats is a sure sign that your mother-in-law intends visiting you.

To see the new moon in a looking-glass is a sign that you are given to reflection.

To see three black crows in a field is a sign of disaster if you are carrying a gun.

To spill the salt at the breakfast table is the sign of a thick stormy night (the previous one).

Printer's Pie.

[The Work of the "Devil."]

"Birmingham Daily Post" advertisement:—

"Wanted, Situation as Housekeeper or Companion, where CAN HAVE BABY in return for services."

Agenda Paper for Meeting of Highways Committee of Metropolitan Borough of Lambeth, held May 5th:—

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"Yorkshire Weekly Post":—

"—— died on Saturday. He was BORN IN HIS 80TH YEAR."

"The Citizen" (Gloucester):—

"Mr. Justice Atkin's remarks were scarcely audible owing to the incessant talking of the DECEASED."

"Penny Magazine":—

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"Sunday Chronicle":—

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"Lloyd's Weekly News":—

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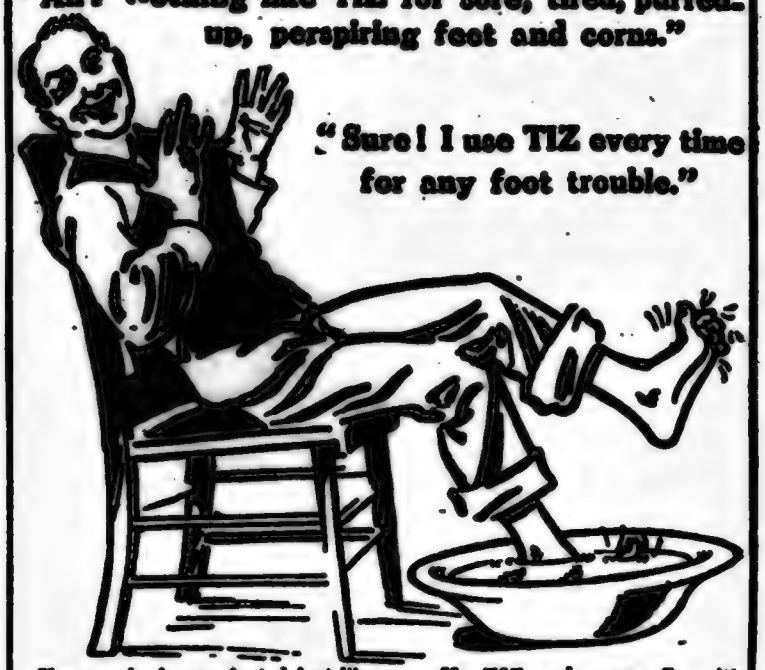

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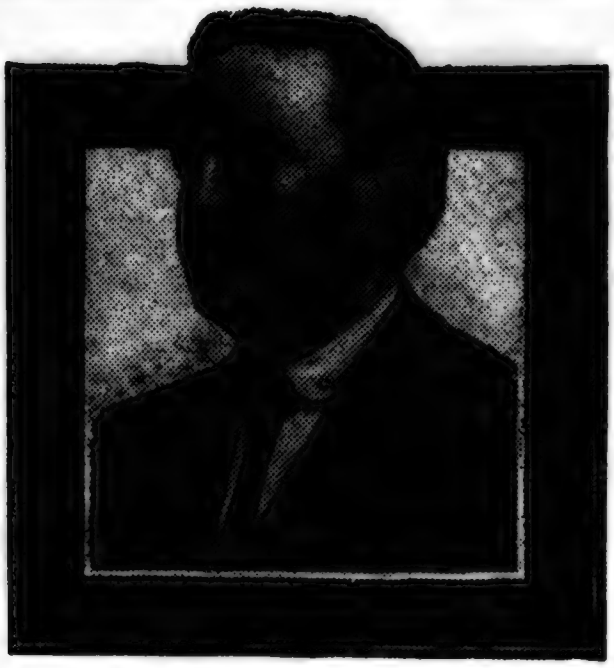

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Cambyses, Nap, won 8 to 1, was my only Selection last Friday. Two Naps out of Four won last week.

RECENT BIG WINNERS THAT HAVE BEEN NAPPED ARE:—
CAMBYSES (NAP) won (8 to 1) the ALEXANDRA HANDICAP.
ALEPPO (NAP) won (3 to 1) the CHESTER CUP.
ADULAR (NAP) won (9 to 4) the HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP.
KERRYMORE (NAP) won (2 to 1) the TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.
COCK OF THE ROCK (NAP), won (9 to 4) the GUILDFORD HANDICAP.
CHINA COCK (NAP), won (11 to 4) the QUEEN'S PRIZE.
DUNNOLIE (NAP) won (5 to 1) the CHADDESDEN PLATE.
WRASK (NAP) won (4 to 1) the NEWBURY CUP.
PITCASTON (NAP) won (3 to 1) the TOWN HANDICAP.
LIGHT BRIGADE (NAP) won (11 to 10) the BRIDGEMAN'S HANDICAP.
THE BOSS (NAP) won (6 to 1) the BATTHYANY PLATE.

Few Selections, but reliable, strictly one horse. No comment is required.

THE FOLLOWING are EXTRACTS from the PRESS.

"The Jockey," April 11th, 1914, says:—

"We have received a copy of the 'Hounslow Racing Critic,' and a very useful addition to the ranks of Racing Specials it makes.

"The tips are few—not more than two a day, and these single horses—so that there is no confusing of chances. Judging by last week's results, purchasers are on a good thing. It is published every Monday, the price being 2s. 6d."

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TUESDAY—Paddock Wire **American Girl,** won 2 to 1. Occasional Wire, **Wedding Ring,** won 8 to 1.

WEDNESDAY—Paddock Wire, **William Penn,** won 5 to 2. Occasional Wire, **Patsies II.,** won 4 to 1.

THURSDAY—Paddock Wire, **Dean Swift,** won 7 to 2. Occasional Wire, **Hailetes,** won 6 to 4

FRIDAY—Paddock Wire, **Yellow Slave,** won 4 to 1. Occasional Wire, **St. Vitris,** won 15 to 8.

Only the 10 horses sent out to Principal Paddock and Occasional Clients the four days at Epsom. All won; I will forfeit £1,000 if not correct. This feat has never been accomplished before by any prophet, and on the Saturday at Kempton Park I wound up one of the most brilliant weeks I have ever had by wiring to Paddock clients—**Sirrah,** Nap, won 10 to 1 for the Windsor Castle Handicap.

Only two selections per day are given in the "Critic." The Best is Napped as above. Private Free Letters are sent for the week-end if any change in selections

Polygamist, Nap, won 9 to 2, the Haydock Park Handicap, was my Paddock Wire Saturday.

Polycrates, Nap, won 3 to 1, the Great Cheshire Handicap, was my Paddock Wire at Chester.

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[The EDITOR replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

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GENERAL.

"ONLOOKER" (Suffolk).—Please write us fully—name and address will be treated as disclosed in confidence.

M. P. C. (Ash Vale), A. J. C. (Brockley), R. A. (Woolston), and MANY OTHERS.—We propose in due course to insert a special form of coupon of protest against the Newspaper Competition Bill. There is, however, no immediate hurry.

W. R. S. is begged to return to his wife, who knows all. Everything is settled. She is very anxious and in great distress. In any case, will he send her word where he is? Baby ill.

S. H. A. (Stratford).—We have made full inquiries into your complaint against Messrs. Lyons and Co., and are assured that it is not founded on fact.

M. I. T. (Sandown), and MANY OTHERS.—Many thanks for kindly letter in connection with the recent lottery proceedings.

"X" (Hextable) tells us—apropos of our recent paragraph about the refusal of the authorities to admit a Jewish boy to an Industrial School, on the ground of heart trouble, and of the subsequent statement of Mr. Ellis, of the Hayes Industrial School, to the effect that that institution is the only one certified for the admission of Jewish boys—that such boys sentenced to detention of any age not exceeding sixteen years are accommodated at the Netherton Training School, near Morpeth. As an ex-officer of such an institution, however, he congratulates the boy on his escape.

A. E. B. (Bristol).—We would rather not say what we think of your friend!

"BOB W." (Burton-on-Trent) asks whether a socialist, being a republican in politics, and opposed to the present legal system of the country, can conscientiously take a seat upon the magisterial bench. It depends entirely upon the strength of his conscience.

W. C. (Brockenhurst).—We quite agree that the system of charging for the heavy tea wrappers by including them in the weight is pernicious and dishonest. As you say, when you ask for tea you do not want wood, dust, paper and cardboard.

"FIGARO" (Congleton).—We appreciate the points you raise in reference to the Lottery Act—which we hope to knock into a cocked hat when we get to the High Court.

W. F. L.—Glad to hear that a portion of the £500 "Bullets" prize awarded to Mr. Sara, has been utilised for the musical education of Miss Doris Sara, the child violinist who has just won, for the second time in succession, the first prize in the open semi-professional violin solo competition at Bury Musical Festival. As she is only thirteen years of age, this is an excellent achievement, though she had previously won prizes at Southport, Bolton, Lytham, Morecambe, and other leading festivals. It is pleasing to us to know how useful our competitions are, in spite of the killjoys and cranks.

C. H. H. (Glam.).—We have already stated that, in the strict sense, the Church does not receive financial support from the State. The salary of the Archbishop of Canterbury is £15,000 a year, and is derived from the estates and revenues of the Church.

"MINER."—We believe many colliers are careless as well as thoughtless, and our advocacy of the prohibition of naked lights in mines is merely precautionary. It may be quite safe theoretically to light your pipe sitting on the top of a gunpowder barrel, but the man is a fool who takes the risk.

A. H. (Runcorn) says the cinematograph schools are merely money-catching concerns, and we should not even think of contradicting his lamentable allegation.

R. O. H. (Bayswater, W.).—"Can a public fire engine be pulled up by the police in London for exceeding the speed limit or for reckless driving?" We have never known a policeman try to pull one up for either, possibly because if he did he would be a dead man. There might be proceedings against a public authority for "reckless driving," if it could be proved—for instance, if the driver were sent out drunk and he drove through a public-house window with a bottle of whisky in one hand and the horse reins or the steering wheel in the other.

H. E. D. (Aston).—If the verdict is for murder with a recommendation to mercy, the sentence prescribed by the law is death, and the only option for the judge is to "forward the recommendation to the proper quarter," the Home Secretary alone having the power of advising the King to commute the sentence. Yes, some judges have passed sentence of death without assuming the black cap.

A. G. D. (Maidenhead).—A firm is not bound to sell you the goods at the price they are marked in the window, and many unscrupulous firms, under various pretexts, refuse to do so.

H. F. G. (Southampton) AND OTHERS.—So you are also taken in by the tea bonus trick, are you, waiting for your bonus? You will have to wait, dear friends.

S. A. H. (Alberta).—Then why all the thousands out of work? It would be a miracle indeed if one or two Englishmen out of a crowd didn't make good by emigrating to Canada; but for the majority "success" appears to mean that with luck they will earn enough in the summer to keep their noses warm in winter.

"LESLIE H." (Farnboro').—We are not oculists, nor even spectacle-sellers. Our advice to you is to consult a professional man with special training in affections of the eyes.

T. F. (Mansfield).—Apropos of your complaint last week, we have now seen Mr. Otto Frankl, of Albert Durst & Frankl, Ltd., 65, Coburg Road, Old Kent Road, S.E., who explains that the mantle ash business is a private concern of his own, the Company being laundrymen. The misunderstanding has arisen through Mr. Frankl writing to you on postcards headed with the Company's name. He can find no trace of the parcel you forwarded, or of the two letters you subsequently sent, but, accepting your assurance, has sent you a postal order for the ash—so all's well that ends well!

"OLD BOY" (Bedford).—So you think the JOHN BULL pen marvellous value and that at the price it cannot pay us. Well, the pen doesn't, but the advertisement does—see, old boy?

E. A. C. (Willesden).—An ex-member of Willesden Council, and two years in Canada, you tell us that "the gambling in real estate is a disgrace, and the sharks who take money from ignorant persons for valueless land deserve punishment." What we have said, you have said.

H. G. B. (Aldershot).—Unable to say "whether a King of England, as King, has ever presented the Army Football Cup at Aldershot previous to April 13th, 1914."

H. M. (London, S.E.).—We have previously warned people not to have anything to do with W. Plant, Rathbone Street, Liverpool, whose £3 a week advertisement is a mere trick for getting rid of his alleged mantle-making equipment.

"HOPEFUL" (Boherbee).—We strongly advise you to have nothing to do with Dr. C. G. Percival's (43, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.) or any other quack treatment for the eyesight.

D. J. McA. (Armagh).—The Mongolian practice of putting human creatures alive in locked coffins and keeping them there till they die is awful indeed; but when you say "it puts in the shade" hell as represented in that horrible Roman Catholic book "for Children," we do not agree. The children there, you recall, burn alive for ever and ever.

S. S. (The Hyde).—The main point to consider before taking a course of instruction for a Sanitary Inspectorship, is: Are the Certificates granted by the particular institute you may select recognised by the Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board? The Royal Sanitary Institute is one of them.

J. C. W. (Uxbridge).—"I have the Freedom of the City of London. Are there any privileges attached to this, or is it only an honour?" J. C. W. should know. He's got it. We haven't.

E. W. W. (Willesden).—We note your statement, that the conditions under which clerks are employed at the London Insurance Committee's offices in Chancery Lane are very unsatisfactory.

"JUSTICE" (Forest Gate).—You say you had to pay 15s. among you for the private 'bus which the L.G.O. Company allowed the drivers to have for following one of their comrades to the grave, and add that the Company gives nothing away. On the contrary, they evidently even charge for lending.

Be Quick! Last Chance to Win Our £300 Derby Prize. Turn to page 36 Now.

J. K. (Belfast), says: "We have apparently in the General Post Office in Belfast a crowd of ill-bred snobs, who make it their business to interfere with the correspondence of people who do not exactly see eye to eye with them." What are the "valuable articles" they have had destroyed, and what is the character of the letters opened?

"READER" (Montreal).—Sorry that "in a moment of madness the enclosed doggerel slipped out." It would also be in a moment of madness if we allowed it to slip in.

J. W. (Conisboro').—We do not take the smallest interest in the liver of that versatile cadger T. Todd-Potts, who has been twice in gaol, but if the stuff has made him "a new man" it must be strong.

R. H. (Waterloo), and MANY OTHERS.—If you sent the Holborn Warehouse Co., London, one guinea for the dispatch of goods they did not forward, and have not yet received the return of your money, complain to the Commissioner of City Police, Old Jewry, E.C. He may be disposed to follow the lead of his Manchester confrère.

C. L. (M.C.) wants to know the name of the Paris hair dealer who recently paid £1,000 for a yard of human hair. Does she want to sell him another yard?

MRS. S. (Amble) AND OTHERS.—This is to give notice that the "bale-of-blankets" business, by whatsoever advertiser conducted, is quite contrary to our religious principles.

"WARY" (Pontypridd).—We cannot guarantee Naunton's National Music System, of course. It seems, however, to be a genuine method of systematised simplicity, instead of a method of systematised difficulty, as so many methods are. Think of the enormous number of people who "learn to play by ear."

J. F. B. (New Brighton).—We cannot undertake the responsibility of advising young men of whom we know nothing as to their prospects in any career. All we can tell you is that wireless telegraphy is in its infancy; whether the supply of operators is at present equal to the demand we cannot say. We are told there is a glut of them.

H. D. M. (High Wycombe).—We have had numerous complaints against W. Cooper and Co., Ltd., 761, Old Kent Road, whose methods of business we regard as being unprincipled and scandalous. On no account should orders to them be prepaid.

A. G. W. (Batley).—Your letter has the ring of truth, but the case is decided in favour of the police officer, and apart from your *ex parte* communication there is nothing in the evidence to justify us in challenging the result.

H. E. J. (Vancouver).—"The Canadians seem to prefer Chinamen to the white man." But don't forget the Canadians are a queer folk; they are apt to judge a man either by the tail on his head or the bagginess of his trousers.

MRS. A. W. (W. Green).—Cannot answer by post. The Slade concern has been dealt with.

"STEWARD'S MOTHER" (Liverpool).—Agreed that "the sleeping accommodation allotted to stewards on some of the Atlantic liners is a disgrace to civilisation." And the sleeping accommodation allotted to certain classes of passengers is a bigger disgrace to civilisation.

M. H. (St. Austell).—The lady who did not reward the boy who found and returned her purse containing £14, was as mean as any lady can be.

"ADMIRAL" (Newcastle).—Will we kindly give you one or two addresses of "Homes" for children born out of wedlock—thanking us in anticipation? That's the worst of anticipating; we don't know any.

MRS. K. E. C. (Ontario).—Have no dealings with the eyesight specialist you mention.

A. T. W. (Mansfield).—We have given our opinion of the concern you speak of times out of number. Leave it alone.

C. L. W. (Rickmansworth).—Yarn about the clergyman not quite true.

A. Y. (Glasgow).—We cannot judge the case by your account of it.

H. E. C. (Epsom).—Not being before the public as a Christmas almanac we do not profess to answer such questions.

"JACK DAW" (Regent Street).—Probably the best way "to find out co-operative societies in London and suburbs" would be to consult the *London Directory*.

"WELL WISHER" (Dover).—We know nothing against the company, but we imagine you could obtain as good or better terms in one more widely known. The concern you name is not included in the list in *Whitaker's Almanack*.

L. C. C. (Swansea).—The value of a spade guinea is just as much as you can get someone to fork out for it. Christie's address is King Street, St. James's, S.W.

M. L. (Manchester).—You must have been a *J.B.* reader about five minutes. We are dead tired of said "Professor" and all his works. He is a Yankee charlatan.

ANNIE T. (Leicester).—Sorry, but we do not see how we can help you.

KATE N. (Boscombe).—We are not a good market for poetry, though your "Jilted by Fortune" swingeth merrily. Hope you'll never be jilted by George.

G. I. H. (Const. Club).—Yours to us is such a mixed screed that we cannot find time to puzzle it out.

"BRISTOLIAN."—Thanks for yours.

H. M. (Lincoln).—You describe your story as "thick," whatever that may mean as applied to a literary effort. We do not understand your German, anyway.

F. W. L. (Pendleton).—Concerning the "stability" of the concern you name we know nothing.

E. B. (Seacombe).—We have warned the public against the firm: if nevertheless people will send them money, they must take the consequences.

C. C. (C.-on-M.).—Write to Canadian Emigration Offices, Charing Cross, London.

"BLACKPOOL" (Bury).—Cannot assess the value of a ha'penny bearing the words "Georgius III.. D.I. Rex," but we should change it for a ha'penny bearing the words "Georgius V. Dei Gra. Britt. Omn. Rex. Fid. Def."

MRS. G. H. B. (Bow).—Your story of the cat should be sent to the Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A.

C. V. B. (Harwell).—Ireland, of course, had its own Parliament prior to the Act of Union.

"GAS MAIN" (Fraserburgh).—Does Glasgow "do a larger commercial business than London?" "Commercial business" is a wide term. Certainly in shipping London is miles ahead of Glasgow; roughly 8¾ million tons against 3 million tons, cleared.

MRS. B. (Eccles).—Your troubles with the moneylender are not clear to us. All we gather is that they are distressing. Get someone to write the story for you.

W. C. (Nunhead).—Sorry we can do nothing. We have frequently warned readers against the firm.

"DEVONSHIRE LAD" (Alberta).—You are correct in stating that the conditions in Western Canada are such that "Englishmen must be mad to emigrate there, where thousands of able and willing workers are out of employ."

A. N. (Westminster).—Really, really; but you haven't got the story quite right. It was a young gentleman and his *fiancée* who hailed the cab.

R. W. D. (Upper Holloway).—It is contrary to our practice to recommend particular firms.

"CINEMA" (Coatbridge).—Why ask us to do what, with probably more time on hand than we have, you can so easily do for yourself? Consult the *London Directory* in a library—or a telephone book.

J. C. (Kingston-by-Sea).—Yes, the British and Foreign Blind Association is "a genuine charity deserving of support."

A. J. (Rochdale).—What a lot of good friends we have! Here you are inviting us when we come to Rochdale to call in and take a glass of '63 or '70 port with you. You don't mean to lure us on to gout, now do you?

"WIDNES" (Widnes).—We do **not** know anything of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Gaslight Co., Nelson Place, Rusholme, Manchester.

A. J. F. (Belfast).—Provided the man's income does not exceed £20 a year, he is entitled to a pension of 5s. a week. For the purpose of calculating income under the Act, any property which the pensioner has is reckoned to produce five per cent. per annum. If the man has no other property than that you mention, he is still entitled to the full pension.

G. D. C. (St. Neots).—Who are we that we should explain our own cartoons?

A. R. C. (Llangunnock).—You do not give us the date of the Open Letter to the Vicar of Llangunnock, and we cannot afford time to search our files. If you send it we will try to help you.

F. N. (Broadstairs).—Congratulations on your having discovered a volume (No. 1) of the original *John Bull*. It is nearly as valuable as *our* first volume.

F. J. B. (Rodboro').—The Stroud cycle firm appear to have treated you rather shabbily, but as the law is on their side we cannot see our way to do anything in the matter for you.

"VIOLIN" (Darlington).—Old musical instruments not being in our line, we are unable to give you the information you desire.

"THREE SPIRES" (Coventry).—We should be interested to read the "conditions of engagement" of clerks at the Coventry Ordnance Works.

W. A. (Dublin) would like to know whether any special value attaches to a 1912 penny, bearing the initial "H" at the left-hand corner of the date.

Important! The Pen Coupon THIS WEEK is ON PAGE ii. OF COVER.

LEGAL.

"Lees" (Nottingham).—Sue in the County Court for your commission. As the firm has made payments on account you should not have much difficulty in proving your case. Yes, send details of anything of public interest.

F. B. (Kennington).—As the solicitor foreclosed on the property ten years ago, it would be impossible to reopen the transaction now unless you could prove fraud. Unfortunately, you are not the only one who asserts that he has been tricked and ruined by solicitors.

B. A. P. (Lowestoft).—We cannot say what your exact rights are without seeing a copy of the agreement, but if the sanitary arrangements are such as you state, you should communicate with the authorities. They will soon make the landlord "get a move on him."

"Agreement." (Loughboro').—The agreement is binding; you therefore cannot open on your own account or work for anyone else in a similar trade within a radius of five miles of your present master's premises for two years after leaving his employment.

"Joshua" (Croydon).—If you are an indentured apprentice and your employer is stopping fourpence a week from your agreed wages, he is in an illegal position.

"Nelson" (Black Country).—Your interpretation of the Workmen's Compensation Act is correct, but, as you have lost an eye, be sure the agreement is registered in the County Court. Mind your other eye!

"Tolo" (New Brighton).—A grandfather must contribute to the support of his grandchildren if they become chargeable to the rates.

"Alfred" (Wisbech).—You are entitled to sickness benefit under the Insurance Act if the amount you are receiving under the Workmen's Compensation Act is equal to, or greater than, such sickness benefit, but if it is less your society must make up the difference.

"Anxious" (Hackney).—According to the agreement, you will only be liable to repair any damage which was caused wilfully or by your negligence. But should anything require doing during your tenancy, such as a ceiling repairing, or room papering, you would either have to have it done at your own expense, or leave it undone. A yearly tenant must give six months and is entitled to receive six months' notice; such notice must expire on the same quarter day or other period of the year as the tenancy commenced. You must be careful as to the wording of the agreement, or you will be bound for two years.

V. M. (Chippenham).—The eldest brother is entitled to the freehold property, and the personal property should be equally divided amongst the brothers and sisters.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE.

A Postal Order for 1s. must accompany each Financial Insurance Inquiry.

Nakamun Asphalt and Oil Company.—Ignorant.—Y. Z. O. (Worksop).—Do not touch these shares. There seems to be plenty of gas about the prospectus you send us.—Inquirer.—See above Reply.

John Bull Bank.—A. S. (Weston-super-Mare).—You will be quite safe in depositing the sum you mention with the John Bull Bank, where it will earn a fixed 5 per cent. per annum.—Africander.—If you open a small account at the John Bull Bank, Old Jewry, London, you can instruct them to pay such persons in Europe as you may nominate sums of money for specific purposes, or to make periodical payments. They will get receipts for the payments and forward them to you. The charges will be very small.

Pecol Oil Combine.—Jeb.—We have already expressed the opinion that we look upon this undertaking as representing a good speculative investment.

Home Rails.—Cautious.—The market position is healthier now than for some time past, and the yields are certainly most attractive. In these circumstances we anticipate considerable activity in Home Rails in the near future. Great Easterns look as attractive as any, especially in view of the developments resulting on the appointment of the new General Manager.

Galician Oil Trust.—W. B. (Skelmersdale).—At one time the company was believed to have an excellent future, and the shares went to a very high price. The prospects, however, are very doubtful, and a reconstruction is probable, but you might wait a little longer in the hope of a recovery before clearing out.

De Trey and Co.—S. B. (Oldham).—Unless you are interested in the business and know all about it, you will not miss much by not having subscribed. There are plenty of more promising speculative investments which have the advantage of a freer market and an official quotation.

Foreign Vacuum Transfer Patents.—Kenwick.—No doubt it would be easy enough to buy shares in certain quarters, but it might be much more difficult to get rid of them without loss, and we should advise you to try something less speculative.

Dominion Iron and Steel Pref.—R. T. C. (Singapore).—The company is heavily capitalised, and even the 6 per cent. Debentures stand at a heavy discount. Canada has to go through a rough time before she gets properly on her feet again, and as the price of these shares is almost sure to go lower, we think you would be wise to get out, although it always goes against the grain to cut a loss.

Premier Oil and Pipe Line.—A. H. M. (Streatham Grove).—The company has valuable properties, and although it is over-capitalised, the new board may help to pull the business round. We should wait and see what happens.

Company Registration.—E. M. (Coventry).—We are a newspaper and not a firm of solicitors. Your request is most unreasonable, and we return the papers. We know nothing of the firm. As regards the other five questions and your suggestion that we might draw up a contract for you, you should employ a solicitor.

Associated Provincial Picture Houses. — Jay (Manchester). — The picture-palace business as a profitable field for investment is practically finished, and the enormous capital of this concern would in any case be prohibitive.

Indestructible Tyre Syndicate.—D. K. (Bangor).—Have nothing to do with it. These wonderful tyre concerns spring up as rapidly as mushrooms—and disappear as quickly.

Norwich Union Life Insurance Society.—Old Age Pensions with Cash Payment Option.—(1). It is an office of high standing, and you may rely upon any benefits accruing to you being promptly met. (2). We should accept the cash payment on reaching the age mentioned. (3) The Agent is not known to us personally, but we see no reason to question his *bona-fides*. (4) The policy recites that the first premium has been paid, and, therefore, a separate receipt need not be insisted upon. (5) In the event of the policy being assigned by you, the notice should be sent direct to the Head Office according to instructions. Unless the assignment of the policy is actually made, it is not, of course, necessary to observe the notice. (6) You need not be disturbed in any way as regards the validity and security of the policy you hold.

Royal London Friendly Society.—J. P. (Grimsby).—We have frequently exposed the heartless confiscation of savings under illiberal and inequitable policies of this description, and, as we have already pointed out, the law stands in need of urgent amendment for the better protection of the poor. We should not be satisfied with the ruling of the Directors, and you had better write them again asking to be dealt with under Rule 16.

Combined Insurance Policy.—C. B. (Newport).—Consult the Gresham Fire and Accident Insurance Society, St. Mildred's House, Poultry, London, E.C., which is a progressive office under sound management.

Middle Age Pension Society.—Middle Age Pension.—Leave it alone.

National Health Insurance.—H. W. (Manchester).—The National Health Insurance Act provides that no payment shall be made to an insured person on account of sickness while being maintained in a sanatorium, and we think, therefore, you must accept the decision of the National Amalgamated as correct. It is, of course, permissible for you to bring your case to the notice of the Insurance Committee for your district. You should ascertain from them under which Section of the Act the enforced removal of your daughter was made.

London and Provincial Assurance Company.—Suffolk.—You are under a misapprehension. The Company is an institution separate and distinct from the Provincial Homes, whose certificates it took over. The Company has been engaged in a struggle for existence, and appears gradually to be improving its position. It is under good and experienced management, but we should like to see the position fortified by the introduction of further Share capital.

Industrial Assurance Policies.—Anxious.—Your friend had better get the Company to endorse the first and second policies to the effect that they will insure and take effect for his benefit. If they should refuse to do this, application had better be made by your friend for the return of the premiums on the ground that he is contributing to policies which give him no legal consideration for the moneys paid.

Insurance Policies.—Anxious.—We are of opinion that "A" could claim a return of the premiums paid on the ground that she had contributed to policies which give her no legal consideration for the moneys paid. Consult a solicitor.

Insurance Policies.—I. F. (Leith).—Having contributed £45, the Office would doubtless grant you a loan of £14. Write the Head Office direct, asking what sum they are willing to advance on the security of the policies you hold.

Gresham Life Assurance Society.—J. C. (Dumbarton).—Established in 1848, the Society has made consistent progress and now enjoys a position of considerable financial strength. The Life Funds are well in excess of £10,000,000, and you will be quite safe in making application for an Endowment Policy.

City Life Assurance Company.—Fish.—(1) The policy is in order and is in no way affected by the change of name. (2) We should hold.

Hearts of Oak Life and General Assurance Company.—Policy (Ilkeston).—The trading results have not been favourable and the shareholders' capital has been sunk in the effort to build up the undertaking. Whether or not the Company can successfully emerge from its present difficulties time alone will reveal, but the task before the Directors is by no means light, while the rejection by the Court of the proposed fusion with the National Standard has not tended to improve the situation. The Friendly Assurance Society is not known to us.

SPORTING.

"John Bull." Football Cup Sweep.—Believing Ben.—The best reply we can make to your letter is to refer you to our issue of January 10th, a copy of which we have already sent you.

John Bull Derby Sweep.—D. G. (Victoria Dock).—You were very foolish to listen to such idle chatter. We have said over and over again that everything connected with the John Bull Derby Sweep is straight and above board.—J. W. G. (Montreal).—In the circumstances, we think it probable that Messrs. Smallman and Terry would dispense with the top halves.—Anxious.—You must post your tickets not later than to-day (Wednesday).

"London Mail" Derby Sweep.—Justitia.—Your inquiry ought to have been addressed to the Manager of the Sweep and not to us, but we should imagine that your letter will be safely delivered, and the fact that the postal order was not crossed should not affect your receiving an acknowledgment. The Sweep is quite genuine.—The Poor.—The answer to your question, as they say in the House of Commons, is in the affirmative.

Patrick O'Brien's "Omnibus" Sweep.—H. S. (Darlington).—We are sure that the omission to stamp your letter was an oversight, and that immediately Mr. O'Brien's attention is called to the matter he will reimburse you. The Sweepstake is perfectly genuine, and the scheme, which is quite a novel one, is, from all we hear, "catching on."

Sweepstakes.—Mrs. A. M. (Walsall).—Of course, the John Bull Derby Sweep is perfectly genuine, and the same remark applies to that run by The Totalisator, Lucerne; whilst as regards the other firm you mention, you will see we dealt with the matter in last week's issue.

E. Spearmint (Fenchurch Street).—E. W. L. (Belfast).—We know nothing of this individual.

H. Diamond (Lucerne).—Levonian.—Quite straight, as we have said over and over again.

You need a Holiday—Let "Bullets" pay for it. Special Holiday Prizes to be Won. See page 34.

CITY NOTES.

(For Financial and Insurance Letter-Box, see Letter Bag pages.)

The Stock Markets.

Trouble concealed is nearly always worse than trouble disclosed. For some considerable time there have been ominous rumours of serious difficulties on the Stock Exchange, but the secret was well kept, and names were only mentioned definitely when arrangements had been made to take over the account. It was a big account, too, with losses running well into six figures, all of which would have fallen on the House if outside assistance had not been obtained. Now, however, the Stock Exchange will be paid, and a small syndicate of bankers will nurse the commitments and the firm's assets until they can be gradually liquidated. Our readers will not be surprised to learn that the trouble is mainly Canadian in its origin, on huge holdings of Grand Trunks, Hudson's Bays, etc., although there were also big lines open in Little Chathams, South Easterns and Rubber and oil shares. The temporary financing of this mass of stuff is naturally gratifying to the Stock Exchange, which otherwise would have had to face numerous failures, and it may be taken for granted that the liquidation will be conducted very carefully and judiciously, but we are not sure from a broad point of view that it would not have been better to let things follow their normal course. The House is starving for business, and patching-up will retard, not help, an improvement in this respect, especially as it is said that fresh trouble is coming from St. Petersburg *via* Paris. An old-fashioned panic is probably less harmful than the prolonged misery caused by lack of confidence, because it is always possible that the panic may have to be faced after all. However, for the time being members are inclined to take a more cheerful view of the situation and prices in several markets show a substantial recovery, so that the croakers have not entirely the best of the argument, although they are exceptionally numerous at present.

Soap and Whisky.

Sir Thomas Dewar, managing director of the celebrated distillery firm of John Dewar and Sons, Ltd., has now accepted the Chairmanship of A. and F. Pears, Ltd. Sir Thomas is an expert advertiser, and shareholders of Pears will find in him a worthy successor to their late chairman.

The Cinema Crisis.

Without going into details regarding the miserable results shown by one of the premier cinemas, the Electric Palaces, Ltd., owner of eight halls, amongst which is the beautiful Marble Arch Electric Theatre, we would point to one or two remarks made by the chairman of the company at its recent meeting. He said: "Instead of a reduction in expenses commensurate with the falling off of the receipts (from £71,000 to £52,000), we have had to increase our expenses considerably in order to meet the growing demands of the public, fostered as these are by competition. There is scarcely a cinema theatre of any repute in London that has not the same story to tell." This is exactly what we have been saying for the past year. Still, new cinema companies are being promoted wholesale, no fewer than 544 having been registered last year. If a pioneer company like the Electric Palaces, Ltd., running theatres in picked neighbourhoods and managed by experienced *entrepreneurs*, cannot be run at a profit, what is likely to be the fate of these new tuppenny-halfpenny peep shows which are being exploited by means of over-capitalised companies and syndicates?

Not ——— Likely.

Mr. Justice Warrington is an optimist. In ordering the other day the dissolution of the National Old Age Pension Trust and the division of its assets among the members, he expressed the hope that the whole thing would be brought to an end "as soon as possible." He evidently doesn't know William Taverner, who has lived off this ramp for years, and who, whilst it lay on its death-bed, started another similar imposition, the Middle Age Pension Friendly Society, the registration of which, as reported last week, has just been cancelled by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies on the ground of illegality. Taverner having got off scot-free in the matter of both of these frauds will surely attempt to start a third, and we repeat that the Police should intervene, before he has succeeded in fleecing more people.

Teck-Lebel (Kirkland) Syndicate, Limited.

Mr. C. W. Neville, 23-28, Fleet Street, has addressed one of our readers in a letter commencing as follows:—

> Your name has been handed to me as one interested in the new Canadian Gold Fields at Kirkland Lake, Ontario. I, therefore, have the pleasure, etc.

The person addressed has never been interested in Kirkland or any other mining district and he considers that the law should protect him from receiving share-pushing circulars as it is about to protect him from similar attentions on the part of moneylenders. As for Mr. Neville's Teck-Lebel Syndicate, the particulars he furnishes, in the expectation of enrolling people as shareholders, only add insult to injury. One sentence calls for special notice. After stating that all the shares will be pooled for six months "for the benefit of all concerned," he proceeds:—

> Arrangements have been completed by which the shares will be introduced on the London Stock Exchange within a few days at 10s. premium per share, and a market will then be made at rising prices. The shareholders are not likely to be called upon to pay more than 12s. 6d. per share for some considerable time.

We refuse to believe one word of this. The Committee of the London Stock Exchange are somewhat liberal in allowing shares to be "introduced" on the market, but they will assuredly draw a line at Neville's Teck-Lebels.

"Metalite."

This company, which is being reconstructed with every prospect of success, has placed a novel proposition before the shareholders. It appears that the London City and Midland Bank hold a first charge on the valuable freehold factory, plant and machinery at Derby, and in order to avert the calamity of the property passing out of the control of the shareholders, they are invited to subscribe in sums of £20 or multiples thereof a sufficient amount to clear off the Bank loan and thereby enjoy the secured position which the Bank now occupies. The loss of the property would mean the loss of everything, and immediate response is therefore imperative.

General Mining and Finance.

This Corporation was formed to acquire the business of Messrs. G. and L. Albu, the South African millionaires, and as recently as 1910 the shares stood at nearly £3. At the end of that year the company had a balance of £418,000 for appropriation, but oh, what a falling off there has been since! At the end of 1911, although there was no dividend for that year, the balance was reduced to £20,000, and by the end of 1912 it had further dwindled to £6,000. Now it is converted into a debit balance of £43,000, and depreciation amounting to the huge sum of £833,000, on investments valued in the books at £1,820,000, has to be placed on record, but cannot be dealt with unless the company is reconstructed. How much misery the colossal losses, of which these are a type, must have caused to innocent shareholders may be left to the imagination, and unfortunately we cannot see any prospect of their being recovered except perhaps to a trifling extent. But the law, which regards a sweepstake with such holy horror, has a very blind side for scandals of this kind.

A Crippled Antelope.

Things have not gone well with the Antelope Gold Mine (Rhodesia) during the past year. At the end of 1912 the company was able to show quite a handsome surplus of liquid assets over liabilities—some £80,000 in fact—but now the liabilities exceed the assets by £18,000. Not only so, but investments standing in the books at £107,000 had a market valuation on December 31st of only £40,000, and it would probably be impossible to realise half that amount from the whole lot. Moreover, developments at depth have been disappointing, and altogether the outlook appears to be as nearly hopeless as makes no difference. Rhodesia has produced a larger proportion of absolute failures than almost any other part of the world, and what with Chartered finance and one thing and another, it has cost the British public the best part of £70,000,000 or £80,000,000 to plant a colony which even now numbers a population of less than 25,000 whites. It is a rather expensive game, looked at from that point of view, but the "jelly-bellied flag-flapper," as the imperialistic Kipling described the genus, will not be able to trade much longer on the public's too prone sentimentality.

Result of Our "Jubilee Handicap" contest. See page 28.

"BULLETS" PROVIDE HOLIDAYS!

FIRST PRIZE **£500** FIRST PRIZE

2nd Prize £50

3rd Prize £25

20 HOLIDAY PRIZES

TEN £10 NOTES. TEN £5 NOTES.

50 Prizes of 10/- | **4,000 Handsome HOLIDAY PRIZES Value £900.** | **1,000 Prizes of 2/6**

PRIZES INCREASED TO £1,775 IN VALUE.

Bullets can only be constructed from any of these 40 Examples.

POOR HUSBAND	UNSEASONABLE WEATHER	UNDER NOTICE	FULL SPEED AHEAD	PROMISING CAMPAIGN
DERBY RUNNERS	COURTING BRIDGET	RESTAURANT SOUP	REPEAT ORDERS	EMBARRASSING MOMENT
AT THE CINEMA	BE OR KISSED	WHEN WORM TURNS	FINDS FAVOUR	LEAKS OUT
HELPING MOTHER	MY TURN NEXT	FINAL PLUNGE	MAKES ME SMILE	BETTER OFF
SELDOM COMES OFF	AFTER MIDNIGHT	MY FANCY	SOUND PROPOSAL	COMING FAST
CHEAP EXCURSION	LATE OUT	WHAT'S THE MATTER	VISITING LONDON	HOME TO MEALS
LOVELY WOMAN	TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION	LEGAL EXPENSES	NATURE STUDIES	SHOWN UP
A WARM WELCOME	CREATES A SENSATION	SCANTY ATTIRE	DRAWING THE BLIND	MEAN TRICK

☞ **Please note that the closing date has been extended to Thursday, May 28th.**

5,073 PRIZES TO BE WON THIS WEEK

HOW TO MAKE BULLETS.

First choose any of our forty examples. Then give two words or three words having some bearing on the example chosen. The FIRST AND LAST word selected MUST begin with ANY OF THE LETTERS in the example chosen. If three words are selected any word can be used as the middle word.

For instance, if you take the example, "MAKES ME SMILE," and take the letters "A" and "S," using the word "FISHY" as the middle word, you can make the Bullet, "ANGLERS' FISHY STORIES." From the example "A WARM WELCOME," the Bullet "WEALTH ENSURES" can be made. Again, if you choose the example "FINDS FAVOUR" using the letter "R" as initial for both the first and last word, you can form the Bullet "REDUCING THE RATES."

Competitors may send in two BULLETS on one coupon for sixpence. But if both coupons are used a postal order for one shilling must be sent.

The ink will not run if the coupon is slightly warmed before being used.

Competitors can see the "Bullets" Judges at work at any time.

Closing date, Thursday, May 28th.

Example.....

Bullet.....

Example.....

Bullet.....

(86) P.O. No.....

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 35.

Signed.....

Address.....

A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

Not more than three words may be used to construct a Bullet.

This week's Bullets Coupons will also be found in "Mary Bull" dated May 30th.

Closing date, Thursday, May 28th.

Example.....

Bullet.....

Example.....

Bullet.....

(86) P.O. No.....

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 35.

Signed.....

Address.....

A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

If Both Coupons Are Used a Postal Order for 1/- must be Sent.

ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS NO. 86," "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.

Write "COMPETITION" on top left hand corner of Envelope.

The Result of this Competition will appear in our issue dated June 13th.

For Rules, etc., see opposite page.

RESULT OF 83RD BULLETS COMPETITION.

FIRST PRIZE OF £500 :—

Mrs. R. C. CORBETT,
736, Pollokshaws Road,
Strathbungo, Glasgow.

Example : PROSPECTIVE BRIDE.
Bullet : SPARROW—GATHERING STRAWS.

SECOND PRIZE OF £50 :—

Mr. D. J. DOUGLAS,
C/o F. Eden,
Elephant Theatre,
London, S.E.

Example : DEFIES NATURE.
Bullet : STAGE HEROINE'S INNOCENCE.

THIRD PRIZE OF £25 :—

Mr. EVAN PHILLIPS,
Springfield Villa,
Cwmaisie, Pontllanfraith,
Newport, Mon.

Example : CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE.
Bullet : "LODGING" A "COMPLAINT."

TEN £10 PRIZES

are awarded as follows—

£10 each to—

Mr. E. G. JAY, 85, Wilton Avenue, Southampton :
LITTLE BY LITTLE—THE DACHSHUND ENTERS.

Mr. H. E. SMITH, 29, St. Mary Street, Cardiff :
WEARING A SMILE—HOSES IN "DRESSES."

Miss EMELIE WARNER, 24, Stoughton Drive, nr. Leicester :
ADDS INTEREST—"DROPS" BETWEEN "ACTS."

Mr. L. T. CASTLE, 2, Hill Park Road, Upton, Torquay :
THE PARTY PRESS—AMATEUR RECITERS—RARELY.

Mr. A. MCDERMOTT, 138, Wentworth Buildings, Aldgate, E. :
CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE—IMPERILS JAY'S LIBERTY.

Miss ANNIE MILLER, 101, Wolfington Road, West Norwood, S.E.
HOLIDAY PRIZES—OPTIMIST DUBS PORTMANTEAU.

Mrs G. MARCHANT, 10, Barnard Road, Clapham Junction, S.W. :
REMAINS SINGLE—MAXIM—TAX 'IM.

Miss TONY O'HARA, 10, King's Avenue, Old Trafford, Manchester :
SUGARING THE PILL—PROVIDING CINEMA EDUCATION.

£10 divided between—

Mr. A. RICHARDSON, 208, The Grove, Hammersmith, London, W., and
Mr. JAMES HUNTER, 27, Skirving Street, Shawlands, Glasgow, who each sent :
CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE—ONE "AFTER" ANOTHER.

£10 divided between—

Mr. M. TISHLER, 65, Moreton Street, Strangeways, Manchester, and
Mr. A. T. BOOTH, 510, Aylestone Road, Leicester, who each sent :
DEFIES NATURE—SALE BAROMETER USUALLY.

TEN £5 PRIZES :—

Mr. H. TOWNER, 1, Holmstone Terrace, Lydd, Kent. :
A FAST SET—"FAIL" TO SUCCEED.

Miss A. PENNY, 109, The Hundred, Romsey.
CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE—MEANS "PARTING" ANYWAY.

Mr. W. WOODMASS, 21, Colenso Mount, Elland Road, Leeds.
PROSPECTIVE BRIDE—EVERY GIRL'S "REFLECTION."

Mr. J. H. WATT, c.o. Robertson, 13, Washington Street, Glasgow.
BALD FACTS—BOY—AEROPLANE—TOMBSTONE.

Mr. G. PRIOR, 9, Chiddingstone Street, Parsons Green, S.W. :
THE PARTY PRESS—AND "BILL" PASSES.

Mr. E. J. A. COOK, 47, Charlotte Street, Walsall :
NOT SPOTTED—STAGE CHAMPAGNE'S EFFERVESCENCE.

Mr. G. A. HULME, 13, Torbay Road, Charlton-cum-Hardy :
MY CHIEF WANT—TO "KEEP" WELL.

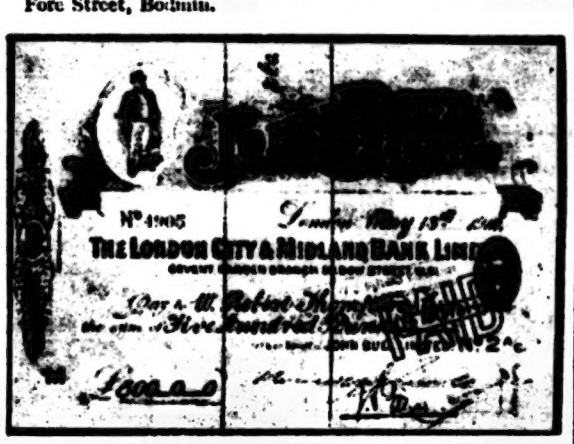
Mr. A. WARD, 37, Barrett Road, Walthamstow, N.E. :
WHEN SWEETHEART CALLS—SHE "DESIGNS" THINGS.

Mr. H. W. BLACKWELL, Glengarth, Penn, Wolverhampton :
HOLIDAY PRIZES—RESERVED FOR DESERVED.

Mr. E. CARMAN, 28, West Side, London Fields, Hackney :
WEARING A SMILE—HOT LADY WHISTLER.

FIFTY TEN SHILLING PRIZEWINNERS.

ALLAN, A., B.B. 17, St. James Square, Edinburgh.
ANSTY, A., 146, Heath Road, Clapham, S.W.
APPLETON, W., 84, Lansmere Lane, St. Helens, Lancs.
ARMSTRONG, J., 26, Hallewell Road, Birmingham.
ARROWSMITH, F., 20, St. Chrysostom Street, Everton, Liverpool.
BAKER, C., 72, Rutland Road, Chesterfield.
BELFORD, C., 31, Broughton Place, Edinburgh.
CAMPBELL, R., 124, Cumberland Road, Plaistow, E.
CHAPMAN, E. A., Signor Scotti's Orchestra, Bridlington, Yorks.
CHAPMAN, H. A., 20, Fernville Street, Sunderland.
COOPER, A., P.O. Staff, Altrincham, Cheshire.
CRISPE ELLEN, 28, Clarke Street, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.
DUGGAN, DAISY, Y.W.C.A., 44, Mortimer Street, Oxford Circus.
GILES, W. H., Ferntale, Rosefield Road, Staines, Middx.
GRAY, T., 42, Upper High Street, Worthing.
GREENALL, R. S., Datton-Longridge, Preston.
GRIER, J., 95, Birchfield Road, Heatless Cross, Redditch.
HACKNEY, H., 24, Riverside, Gorleston-on-Sea.
HARVEY, R., Oak Inn, Middleton Station, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.
HARDY, P. E., 2, Douglas House, Maida Hill West, W.
HATTON, E., 7, Hemlock Ave., Long Eaton, nr. Notts.
HAWKESWORTH, K., 273, Chesterfield Road, Moorsbrook, Sheffield.
HERRIN, H. J., 34, Bramfield Road, Northcote Road, Clapham Junction, S.W.
HORNE, G. P., 185, Perth Road, Cowdenbeath, Scotland.
KEITH, D., 12, Howat Street, Govan, Glasgow.
MCQUESTION, F., 18, Maviera Road, Leytonstone, N.E.
MERRY, C. A., 6, Meadow Road, Warwick.
MESSENGER, W., 10, Newton Road, Weakstone.
O'BRIEN, A. P., 1, Percy Terrace, Waterford.
PEGUM, J. E., New Road, Laxey, Isle-of-Man.
PHILLIPS, M., Miss, Tan-y-Bryn, Barmouth, Wales.
PIKE, J. W, 76, St. Peter's Ave., Kettering.
POWELL, A., Tailor, 22, Monthermer Road, Cathays, Cardiff.
PRESCOTT, C., 6, Throgmorton Street, E.C.
RICHARDSON, F., Mrs., 220, Wellmeadow Road, Catford, S.E.
ROBERTSON-HUNT, Ryta, 33, Hatfield Road, Ainsdale, Southport.
ROBBINS, F. E., Mrs., c.o. Mrs. Leavy, Viants Terrace, Fore Street, Bodmin.



The original of the above cheque will be on view at the premises of Mr. O. Freedenson, Newsagent, Exchange Stage, Victoria Street, Manchester, until May 22nd, and then until May 27th at those of Mr. J. Mamelok, Newsagent, 33, Oxford Street, Manchester. A reproduction of the cheque will be shown daily on the screen at The Scala, Withington, Manchester.

ROSE, A., Miss, 34, Wilton Avenue, Southampton.
SIM, H., 123, Drakefield Road, Balham, S.W.
SMITH, H., Choirmaster, Holbeck Wesleyan Chapel, Leeds, Yorks.
STEEL, E. B., Beachmont, Mumbles, S.O.
STOTT, C., Mrs., White House, Chandlers Ford, Hants.
TERRY, H., 94, Russell Street, Peterborough, Northamptonshire.
TOSUTT, C., Strathnairn, Reginald Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
TOOTILL, W., 109, Bolton Street, Oldham.
WALKER, Mrs., 19, Bride Street, Barnsbury, N.
WHITCOMB, C. E., Army Pay Office, Hounslow, Middx.
WHITELAW, M., 10, Roslea Drive, Glasgow.
WITT, L., c.o. John Barkers, Kensington.
WITHER, W. M., 34, Egerton Street, Liverpool.

Selection from 2s. 6d. Prize Winners.

BARHAM, H., 3, Gt. Eastern St., London, E.C.
BARNES, J. E., Mrs., 3, Beech Grove, Stourton, Leeds.
BARR, J., Miss, 6, Lilymount Terrace, Kilmarnock, Scotland.
BARRADELL, S., 23, Paton Street, Leicester.
BARRETT, C. J., 5, Clifden Road, Brentford, W.
BARRETT, J. A., Mrs., Harringay, Winchester Road, Southampton.
BARTRUM, Mrs., 45, Weeks Road, Ryde, I.O.W.
BASS, A., Dotterel Cottage, Balsham, Cambs.
BAXTER, A., 52, Shakespeare Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.
BAYLIS, H. J., 85, King's Road, Reading.
BAYLIS, H. C., Field View, Stephenson Terrace, Worcester.
BEAL, W., 3, Greenhead Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.
BEALE, P., Cavalry Club, 127, Piccadilly, W.
BEARDMORE, E., The Green, Cheadle, Staffs.
BEARDSWORTH, J., 17, Thornley Street, Hyde, Cheshire.
BEATTIE, J., 1, McLean Place, Dumbarton.
BEATTY, C., Sgt., 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, South Raglan Barracks, Devonport.
BEAUCHAMP, G., 16, Park Road North, Birkenhead.
BEAUCHAMP, L., Miss, Elston, Shrewton Wilts.
BECKETT, A J., 21, Upper Roman Road, Chelmsford.
BELL, E., Miss, Rose Terrace, Cupar, Fife.
BELL, E., Mrs., 73, Moscow Drive, Liverpool.
BELL, T., 40, Peel Street Nottingham
BENNETT, C. E., 10, Connaught Mansions, Albion Road, N.E.
BENNETT, J. E., 44, Chapel Street, Rishton, Blackburn.
BENSON, J., 94, Shacklewell Lane, Kingsland, N.E
BENSON, T 17, Woodstock Road Salisbury
BERRY, F., Miss, Vinecroft, Ightham, near Sevenoaks.
BEVAN, A. M., 67, Princes Square, Bayswater.
BETSON C. F., 8, London Road, Croydon.
BETTS, W. O, Orleton Scarborough.
BIGNELL, J. J., 43, Spencer Road, Cottenham Park, Wimbledon.
BILLINGHAME, V.o., 15, Brighton Place, Portobello Edinburgh.
BIRBECK, H., 4, Granville Terrace, St. Mary Church, Torquay.
BIRD, S. S., 3, Gardenia Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, N.
BIRD, A. H., Garden Homes, Wellington Street, Slough.
BIRKS, E. C., 22, Hartley Avenue, Delph Lane, Leeds.
BISBROWNE, Mrs., 12, Neeston Street, Northwich, Cheshire.

"BULLETS" RULES. (*which must be strictly adhered to*).

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. A careful study of the winning efforts from week to week will also indicate the standard of merit to be attained. The right to divide a prize or prizes among two or more competitors is reserved.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons on page 34, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. Both coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed ——— & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses, and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Competitors sending more than one coupon may enclose one postal order for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. Stamps will not be accepted.

4. Coupons must not be defaced in any manner, or have portions of another coupon pasted upon them.

5. Entries must reach us not later than the first post on the morning of Thursday, May 28.

6. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

7. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

No element of chance enters into the adjudication of our "Bullets" Competition. Every coupon is judged by TWO DIFFERENT Members of our special staff of Adjudicators, who have been elected by reason of their high qualification for this work. This staff put aside all coupons which they consider sufficiently meritorious to qualify for a prize. So that, before any coupon is rejected, TWO DIFFERENT Judges have to decide that it is not of sufficient merit to receive a prize. Then, all coupons selected are considered by the Competition Editor in consultation with the Judges. In this manner the coupons are reduced in number to correspond with the total number of prizes to be awarded. The Competition Editor, again in consultation with the Judges, next selects all the lines of outstanding merit. These are placed before the Editor, who, after consultation, decides finally the order of merit. This system of judging keeps a large staff of Adjudicators continually occupied the whole of the week—so thoroughly is the work done. We would point out that, by this system of judging, no award is decided arbitrarily by one mind. It is only after a line has been considered sufficiently meritorious by a BODY OF JUDGES IN CONSULTATION, all of whom are specially qualified for the work, that it can receive a cash or any other prize. As regards the principal prizes, the coupons of outstanding merit are considered many times by the Editor, and also by the Competition Editor and the adjudication staff in consultation, before the final awards are made. In a sentence, ALL coupons are read and considered, and re-read and re-considered by a specially selected staff of highly-qualified Adjudicators, under the general supervision of an experienced Competition Expert—and in consultation with the Editor. That is why "Bullets" constitute a genuine skill contest, free from any and every element of arbitrary decision or of chance selection.

Complete List of all cash and other Prize-winners in the above Competition can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

Racing Notes.

"What will win the Derby?" is the burning question of the present moment. The scratching of The Tetrarch, the defeat of Ambassador, and the weakening in the market of Kennymore, have already attracted a good deal of tragic interest to the race, and with a week still to go one wonders what further sensational development there will be. The chances of such as Lanius, Brakespear, and Carrickfergus now come into consideration, whereas a fortnight ago had one mentioned any of these as having Derby chances, the remark would have been received in the politest circles with hardly-concealed mirth. Thank goodness there is yet another week before one need necessarily pin oneself down to a definite selection, but in an attempt to help prize competitors the present best things seem to be, in order, KENNYMORE 1, LANIUS 2, BLACK JESTER 3, with a saving clause for CARRICKFERGUS.

There are fixtures all over the place this week—York, Doncaster, Bath, Salisbury, Ayr and Windsor all figuring in the programmes.

To-day (Wednesday), BOWMAN for the Rockingham Handicap and BANNOCKBURN for the Voltigeur Handicap should make an appropriate double at York, whilst at Bath COLOUR SYSTEM can win the Weston Stakes and KODAK the Bath Welter.

To-morrow (Thursday) at Doncaster, WARDHA may take the Doncaster Three-Year-Old Handicap, and WHROO the Portland Handicap. At Salisbury, DRAPA should win the Wiltshire Plate, and VERGER II. the Stewards' Plate.

On Friday, the best things at Doncaster are APOSTROPHE for the Fitzwilliam Stakes and SPENSER for the Chesterfield Handicap. At Salisbury, BIRLINGHAM ought to take the Cup and ALBORAK the Foal Stakes.

Windsor provides a nice meeting on Saturday, and here

AMOY*

in the Slough Plate looks like the best thing of the week. A Two-Year-Old Selling Plate should go to LADY SLAUN, and the Royal Windsor Handicap to ROBERT LEE.

The Editor's horse, JARNAC II., provided the going is good, will probably throw down the gauntlet in the Craven Stakes, and although a mile is perhaps a little beyond his best distance it will take a good 'un to beat him.

A FREE £10,000 SWEEPSTAKE.

We have received an enormous number of inquiries in reference to the free chance in a £10,000 Sweepstake now being offered by Mr. Patrick O'Brien, of Lucerne. We must, however, refer our correspondents to Mr. O'Brien personally. The scheme is certainly a very novel and fascinating one, and all we can say is that our readers may rest assured that it will be carried out in a straightforward and honest manner. For further particulars they must write to Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Lucerne, Switzerland.

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ON PAGE 2 OF COVER you will find a coupon. On it, in the space opposite "First," you must put the number of the horse, as given on our list, which you think will win the Derby. Opposite "Second" you must put the number of the horse which you think will finish Second, and opposite "Third" the number of the horse which you think will finish Third.

So if you think that "Kennymore" will win you will put his number, which on the list is 32, against "First" on the coupon. If you think that "Ambassador" will finish Second, you will put his number, which is 5 on the list, against "Second" on the coupon. If you think that "Black Jester" will finish third, you will put his number, which is 20 on our list, against "Third." The numbers must be written in figures, not words, and in ink, not pencil.

COUPON AND LIST OF HORSES ENTERED ON PAGE 2 OF COVER.

WHICH HORSES HAVE A CHANCE?

At the time of going to press it is impossible to say. We do know that the three horses we have specially mentioned and St. Guthlac and Hapsburg are most fancied. The great thing is to watch the papers day by day. They give a clear indication of what horses are fancied in the leading clubs throughout the country.

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Our Competition Department is now under the personal supervision of "McW.," the well-known Sporting writer, late of the "Morning Leader" and "Daily Chronicle."

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